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At a meeting of the Rhode Island Historical Society, held in the Cabinet, January 26, 1881, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Society for 1880 be printed, and the Library Committee be directed to carry this resolution into effect, with power in their discretion to summarize any portion of said proceedings, and to include any papers read before the Society, provided that the whole cost shall not exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

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OFFICERS  
OF THE  
RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

ELECTED JANUARY 11, 1881.

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*President,*  
ZACHARIAH ALLEN.

*Vice Presidents,*  
WILLIAM GAMMELL,                      FRANCIS BRINLEY.

*Secretary,*  
AMOS PERRY.

*Treasurer,*  
RICHMOND P. EVERETT.

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*On Nominations,*  
Albert V. Jenks,                      William Staples,  
W. Maxwell Greene.

*On Lectures,*  
Amos Perry,                      Charles W. Parsons,  
William Gammell.



*Building and Grounds,*

Isaac H. Southwick,                      Henry J. Steere,  
                                                 Royal C. Taft.

*On the Library,*

Sidney S. Rider,                      Horatio Rogers,  
                                                 Thomas Durfee.

*On Publications,*

John R. Bartlett,                      J. Lewis Diman,  
                                                 Edwin M. Stone.

*Genealogical Researches,*

Henry E. Turner,                      William A. Mowry,  
                                                 Bennett J. Munro.

*Audit Committee,*

Henry T. Beckwith,                      John P. Walker,  
                                                 Lewis J. Chace.

*Procurators,*

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| Bristol,     | William J. Miller.  |
| Woonsocket,  | Erastus Richardson. |
| Hopkinton,   | George H. Olney.    |
| Scituate,    | Charles H. Fisher.  |
| Pawtucket,   | Emery H. Porter.    |



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At a meeting held January 27, a letter was received from the Hon. Carl Schurz, accepting the Honorary Membership, which the Society had conferred upon him, likewise a letter from Prof. Moses Coit Tyler, accepting the position of a Corresponding Member; also a letter from Mr. Samuel Dunster, accepting the position of Corresponding Member.

Albert R. Cooke, Esq., read a paper on the Life and Public Services of the Honorable Nicholas Cooke, Governor of Rhode Island, 1775-1778.

At a meeting held February 10, the special committee, to which was referred (at the annual meeting, January, 1880), the question of establishing a Standing Committee on the Library, reported in favor of the proposition, and submitted with their report a draft of such alterations in the Constitution as were required by the change. The Secretary was directed to cause this draft of proposed changes to be printed, and a copy forwarded to each member of the Society, and the proposition was referred to the next quarterly meeting for action.

A paper was read by Reuben A. Guild, LL. D., on the



Life and Public Service of the Rev. Hezekiah Smith, a chaplain of the Revolution.

At a meeting held February 14 (at 4 o'clock, P. M.), the death of the Honorable Samuel G. Arnold, President of the Society, was announced. The following minute prepared by Prof. William Gammell was presented, and ordered to be entered upon the records :

MINUTE.

At a special meeting of the Rhode Island Historical Society, held at the Cabinet on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 14th, the announcement was made of the death of the Hon. Samuel Greene Arnold, the President of this Society, whereupon the following minute was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be placed on its records :

SAMUEL GREENE ARNOLD, LL. D., died in Providence, on Friday, February 13th, at the age of fifty-eight years and ten months. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Providence, and his family name has always been conspicuous in the annals of the town. A graduate of Brown University in the class of 1841, after having been admitted to the Rhode Island bar, he devoted the early years of his manhood to extensive travel in foreign lands, and to researches in the public archives of England, France and Holland, in order to gather the materials for a history of his native State ; and the preparation of such a work soon became the chosen object of his aspirations and his labors. The task was at that time both difficult and delicate, for the subject had been misrepresented. The volumes of this important work were published successively in 1859 and 1860, and they immediately secured for themselves an honorable place in American literature as an accurate and worthy record of the origin of the State, and its progress through varying fortunes to the close of the eighteenth century. They are written with a just and generous appreciation of the spirit and principles of the men who left the impress of their characters upon the institutions



of the State, who upheld and defended her alike in peace and in war, who extended her commerce, developed her industry, and led forward the social interests of her people. This history is one in which Rhode Island may well feel an honest pride, as a lasting monument reared by one of her own sons in honor of her character and good name as a State. On numerous public occasions he has also made valuable contributions to our local history in the eloquent and carefully prepared addresses which he has delivered in commemoration of historical epochs and events.

In 1868 Mr. Arnold succeeded the late Hon. Albert G. Greene in the office of President of this Society, and for twelve years he has been our official guide and leader in carrying forward the high objects for which our Association was formed. Of his varied services to the Society and to the interests of Rhode Island history; of his honorable connection with so many of our foremost institutions of charity, learning and religion, and also of his pure and spotless character, alike in private life and in the public stations which he was repeatedly called to fill, we, his associates and friends, here record our high and grateful appreciation. In his death we mourn the loss of a useful, a high-minded and an honored citizen; and, as a tribute of our respect to his memory, we will, as a Society, attend his funeral on Monday, the 16th inst., at the First Baptist Church.

At a meeting February 24, a letter was received from Dr. A. W. Holden, Glens Falls, N. Y., accepting the position of a Corresponding Member. Dr. Henry E. Turner read a paper on the "Settlers of Aquidneck, and their agency in promoting Liberal Ideas."

At a meeting March 9, a paper was read by Prof. William Gammell, entitled, "Asylum and Extradition among Nations."

At a meeting March 23, a paper was read by General James Grant Wilson, of New York, on the Life and Public



Service of Commodore Isaac Hull (1775-1843), Commander of the U. S. Frigate Constitution.

At a meeting April 6, the report of a special committee made February 10, on the question of establishing a Standing Committee on the Library, and which had been referred to this meeting for consideration, was taken up, freely discussed, and unanimously adopted. The changes in the Constitution made necessary by the adoption of this report are as follows :

ARTICLE III., SECTION 1. After the words "a Committee on Nomination of new members," insert the words, "A Committee on Library."

SECTION 6. To read as follows :

The Librarian and Cabinet Keeper shall safely keep, under the direction of the Library Committee, in the cabinet of the society, all books, manuscripts, papers, documents and other articles committed to its charge.

Members of the society shall have, and other persons may have liberty to read or examine any book or manuscript in the cabinet, under such restrictions and exceptions as may be imposed by the Library Committee ; but no person shall be allowed to take a copy of any manuscript or to remove any book, manuscript, or other property from the cabinet, without a written permit from the Library Committee, and when so removed, the person taking the same shall in each case sign a receipt therefor, and an agreement to pay to the society such sum of money as the Library Committee may deem proper, in the event of its non-return to the cabinet within such time as the committee shall specify.

SEC. 9. The Library Committee shall have the general charge of the books, manuscripts, and other collections, and of all the property of the society within the cabinet building. They shall see that the Constitution and By-Laws in relation to books, manuscripts, etc., are enforced. They shall have the charge of all moneys received from the State of Rhode Island, by acts of the General Assembly, and shall



disburse the same in accordance with such acts. They shall aid and direct the Librarian in his duties, and shall have the power to appoint and employ proper persons to assist him, and especially for copying records, documents and manuscripts, or other similar work. They may expend, for the library, from the funds of the society, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum. For additional expenditures, they shall obtain a special vote of the society.

SECTIONS 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, shall be numbered respectively 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The question of insurance against loss by fire of the contents of the cabinet, was raised by the Treasurer, who requested instructions thereon. The whole matter was referred to the Library Committee, with instructions to recommend such a course to the Treasurer as in their opinion was for the best interests of the Society.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for election as Resident Members: Samuel M. Noyes, W. Seabury Simmons, William P. Goodwin, James S. Kenyon, John B. Anthony, Henry J. Spooner, Esquires, all of Providence. As Corresponding Members: General James Grant Wilson, of New York city, and Dr. Henry Phillips, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., and they were so elected.

Messrs. Charles W. Parsons, M. D., Gen. Horatio Rogers and Sidney S. Rider, were elected the Library Committee.

The Honorable Zachariah Allen was elected President of the Society, vice Samuel G. Arnold, deceased, and Professor William Gammell was elected Vice President, vice Zachariah Allen, elected President.

At a meeting held April 20, letters were received from General James Grant Wilson, of New York city, and from Dr. Henry Phillips, Jr., of Philadelphia, accepting their elections to the position of Corresponding Members.

The Honorable Abraham Payne, of Providence, read a paper on the elections of the Presidents of the United States



from the election of Gen. George Washington, 1789, to the election of the Honorable Franklin Peirce, 1852.

At a meeting held May 4, the Reverend David H. Greer read a paper entitled, "Socialism,—its aims, methods, and results."

At a meeting held July 6 (at 3 o'clock, P. M.), a letter was received from Alexander Duncan, Esq., now of London, England, expressing great interest in the affairs of the Society, and also expressing the desire to become a Life Member of the Society.

A communication was received from Mrs. Cornelia E. Green, as follows :

*To Hon. Amos Perry, Secretary of the Rhode Island Historical Society:*

On the sixth day of February last, my brother, the late Samuel G. Arnold, when on his death bed, requested that what is written below be conveyed from him to the Rhode Island Historical Society :

"He thought that something should be done to commemorate the encampment in the north part of our city of the French troops of our Revolutionary army, beyond the mere calling of Camp street in its remembrance, and suggests that a park be arranged on the site, in honor of the troops, or, if that were impracticable, that streets should be named for 'Rochambeau,' 'Viomesnel' and 'Gimatt,' on no account omitting the latter, who, in a less prominent position, showed great bravery, and led the American forlorn hope at the storming of Yorktown."

My brother said that the owners of the land would doubtless be interested in the distinction that pertains to it, and feel disposed to perpetuate these heroic and generous associations.

Respectfully yours,

CORNELIA E. GREEN.



After discussion, a special committee was appointed by the President, to consider and report upon the communication. This Committee consisted of Prof. William Gammell, the Hon. John H. Stiness, and Gen. Horatio Rogers.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following gentlemen for election: Life Member, Alexander Duncan, Esq., of London, England; Resident Members, Daniel G. Campbell, J. Lewis Peirce, and Edmund S. Hopkins, Esquires, all of Providence; Corresponding Member, Alfred T. Turner, Esq., of Boston, Mass., and they were so elected.

Mr. Sidney S. Rider, in behalf of the Library Committee, made a verbal report, setting forth the principles which were guiding the committee in prosecuting the great changes in the internal arrangement of the cabinet now in progress.

Mr. Rider called the attention of the Society to the dilapidated condition of the fine original portrait of the Reverend John Callender, by far the finest portrait in the possession of the Society, and asked that an appropriation be made to cover the cost of its restoration.

Printed lists of portraits (which had all been gathered upon the north wall), with numbers, were presented to the members.

A printed list of "books wanted," this being one of the means devised by the Library Committee to obtain such special Rhode Island publications as were lacking in the Society's Library, were presented to the members.

The operations of the Library Committee were fully discussed and highly approved, and an appropriation of a hundred dollars was made, and placed at the disposal of the committee, to be used in the purchase of furniture, and in the restoration of the Callender portrait.

Mr. W. G. R. Mowry reported in behalf of the special committee appointed to consider the proposition to remove the Indian Pottery from the Angell farm in Johnston, to the Roger Williams Park. The opinion was expressed that the expense



of removal would exceed six hundred dollars, while the funds at the disposal of the committee did not exceed a hundred dollars. No further action was taken.

At a meeting October 5, the Rev. Edwin M. Stone, in behalf of the committee appointed to solicit funds with which to purchase certain manuscripts in the possession of Mr. James E. Maura, of Newport, stated that nearly the necessary amount (forty dollars) had been raised, and expressed the hope that the papers would soon be in the possession of the Society.

The Rev. Edwin M. Stone resigned the position of Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, whereupon the following preamble and resolution was passed :

WHEREAS, The Rev. Edwin M. Stone has tendered his resignation of the office of Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper of the Rhode Island Historical Society, held by him for the past thirty years,

*Resolved*, That in accepting his resignation, the Society desire to express their sense of the zeal and fidelity shown by him during this long period in promoting the interests of the Society, and that the thanks of the Society be hereby tendered to him.

A letter was received from Alfred T. Turner, Esq., of Boston, accepting the position of Corresponding Member.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following gentlemen for election: Resident Members, Thomas B. Stockwell, Benjamin W. Ham, William A. Spicer, Esquires, and Dr. Edwin M. Snow, all of Providence; His Excellency Alfred H. Littlefield, of Lincoln, Julian A. Chace, Esq., of Pawtucket, the Hon. Elisha R. Potter, of Kingston, and the Hon. Jonathan Chace, of Valley Falls; Corresponding Members, the Rev. James M. Hopkin, D. D., of New Haven, Conn., Thomas W. Bicknell, Esq., of Boston, Mass., and James C. Buttré, Esq., of New York city, and they were so elected.

A resolution was offered by Albert V. Jenks, and passed



without opposition, calling upon the Publication Committee to report to the Society at its next annual meeting, such materials as should in their judgment be embodied in a new volume of the Society's collections.

Mr. Sidney S. Rider, in behalf of the Library Committee, presented a written report, setting forth in detail the work accomplished by the committee; the condition of the Library; and suggestions for future action. This report was received and ordered to be recorded upon the records of the Society.

The thanks of the Society were presented to Seth M. Vose, Esq., for his labors in repairing and regilding the finely carved frame for the Callender portrait, without expense to the Society.

The thanks of the Society were presented to Darius Chase, Esq., for his labors in restoring the portrait of the Rev. Joseph Belcher, D. D., without expense to the Society.

The thanks of the Society were presented to Mr. Henry Taylor, and to Mr. Edwin Burr, for their gratuitous services in the restoration of sundry relics in the cabinet.

The Library Committee presented a list of such Historical Societies and Public Libraries as should be considered correspondents to whom publications of the Society should be sent. The report was accepted, and the list adopted.

The Library Committee gave notice of a proposed change in the Constitution, to wit: placing the appointment of the Librarian in the hands of the Library Committee, instead of making him an officer elected by the Society. The proposed amendment was referred to the next quarterly meeting for consideration and action.

A vote was passed placing two hundred and fifty dollars at the disposal of the Library Committee, provided the money be raised by subscriptions.

The Library Committee presented a series of rules for the government of the Library. The object of the committee in presenting these rules, was that every member should pos-



sess the same privileges which every other member possessed, and should feel perfect freedom in pursuing such historical inquiries as he pleased, without being obliged to ask consent, or submit to the refusal of any other individual member. These rules were adopted without dissent, and were printed, framed and posted at the doors of the cabinet.

#### RULES FOR THE USE OF THE LIBRARY.

1. Any Resident Member may take from the Library (except as hereafter stated) two printed books or pamphlets at a time, and keep the same two weeks, with a right to renew the loan for two weeks longer, provided no application in writing has been made for the same by some other member in the interval. If said Resident Member retains said books longer than the second period, without having first obtained the written consent of the Library Committee, he shall be fined ten cents per week for each volume so retained.

2. No manuscript, nor any extremely rare book, nor any book of constant reference shall, under any circumstances, be taken from the Library Building.

3. Manuscripts may be examined by any member, but all such examinations shall be in the presence of the Librarian. No person shall copy any manuscript, or part thereof, without having first obtained consent in writing of the Library Committee. If manuscripts so copied shall be published, the fact that their publication was by permission of the Society shall be stated in such publication.

4. Members taking books from the Library shall be answerable for the damage or loss of such books, in such amount as shall be considered just by the Library Committee; and any person who neglects for one month to pay any fines or assessments for loss or damage as aforesaid, shall be debarred the use of the Library, by order of the Library Committee.



5. A stranger may use the Library, for reference and consultation, upon the written request of any Resident Member, such member thereby becoming responsible for any damage or loss which may result from such introduction of the stranger.

6. Every loan of a book or pamphlet shall be recorded at the time by the Librarian in a book kept for the purpose.

7. The Library Committee shall cause to be prepared lists of such books as are, in these rules, denominated extremely rare, and also such as are of constant reference.

At a meeting held October 19, a paper was read by Mr. Sidney S. Rider, in Vindication of two Rhode Island writers of History, to wit: the Rev. James D. Knowles, and Prof. William Gammell, from a charge of falsification of history. The charge was made by Mr. Martin B. Scott. It appeared in the Historical Magazine for the months of February, September and October, 1869. The substance of the charge was that these writers had ascribed the authorship of the first civil compact entered into by the second comers to Providence, wherein each new comer bound himself to be obedient "only in civil things," to Roger Williams, whereas these writers well know, or should have known, that Richard Scott was its author, as he was its first signer.

Following this paper Mr. Rider investigated the claim made by the Rev. Henry M. Dexter in his monograph, "As to Roger Williams," of being the first to discover and to state the true date of the banishment of Williams by Massachusetts. The result of these investigations showed that nine years before the publication of Mr. Dexter's book, Prof. J. Lewis Diman had discovered and published all the facts touching the matter, and fixed the true date with as much certainty as it is possible now to fix it.

The aid of a Stereopticon having been invoked, the better to present to the audience the documents in question, it was further used in exhibiting many historical views, portraits



and documents relating to Rhode Island history, and taken from the private collections of the reader.

At a meeting November 4, a paper was read by Mr. William A. Mowry, on the "Territorial Acquisitions in the West and Northwest made by the United States."

At a meeting November 16, a paper was read by Mr. Stephen B. Miller, of Hudson, N. Y., on the "Settlement of that city by citizens of Rhode Island."

At a meeting December 2, a paper was read by Colonel John Ward, of New York city, entitled the "Public Services of Rhode Island Statesmen anterior to the Revolution." It was confined to the services of the Hon. Samuel Ward.

At a meeting December 28, a paper was read by the Hon. Abraham Payne, giving an account of Miss Prudence Crandall, and her school at Canterbury, Conn.; Mr. Payne being at the time of the destruction of the school a resident of Canterbury.

At a meeting held January 11, 1881 (the annual meeting), the collection of manuscripts purchased from Mr. James E. Mauran, of Newport, by means of contributions gathered from Messrs. Henry J. Steere, Henry T. Beckwith, Isaac H. Southwick, William Grosvenor, Royal C. Taft and Edwin M. Stone, were deposited in the Cabinet.

The President presented a report of the active operations of the Society during the past year.

Letters were received from the following gentlemen, to wit: the Rev. James M. Hoppin, D. D., Thomas W. Bicknell, Esq., of Boston, and James C. Buttré, Esq., of New York, accepting the positions of Corresponding Members.

Permission was given to Mrs. Anna Richmond to take from the Cabinet the manuscript collections of the Hon. Samuel Eddy, her late father.\*

Mr. Richmond P. Everett presented his report as Treasurer.

\* Mrs. Richmond was very sick at the time of this vote, and died before the volume could be taken to her. It therefore was not taken from the Cabinet.



Mr. Isaac H. Southwick presented the report of the Committee on Building and Grounds.

Mr. Sidney S. Rider, in behalf of the Library Committee, presented a report intended to be supplementary to the report of the Committee at the October meeting. The growth of the Library in its proper department, Rhode Island History and Literature, is, during the past year, therein shown to be unparalleled in the history of the Society. The thanks of the Society were given the Library Committee.

Prof. J. Lewis Diman, in behalf of the Publication Committee, presented a report.

Mr. William A. Mowry, in behalf of the Committee on Genealogical Researches, presented a report.

The reports of such of the Procurators as sent reports were received, and referred.

Prof. William Gammell, in behalf of the special committee on the communication of Mrs. Cornelia E. Green, made their report.

A discussion arose concerning the admission of members. From this discussion it appeared that some changes were required both as to the admission of members, and the dropping of names from the roll of members for non-payment of taxes. To effect these changes in the best manner, a committee was appointed by the President to consider the matter, and make report. This committee comprised the present Committee on Nominations, with Gen. Horatio Rogers added.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following gentlemen for election: Resident members, Moses B. I. Goddard, Dr. George D. Hersey, John O. Austin, Charles L. Thomas, Albert L. Calder, Richard A. Bailey, Isaac M. Bull, Zephaniah Williams, William E. Foster, George J. Adams, James E. Cranston, Rev. W. F. Witcher, Charles D. Owen, Edward L. Furse, Zebulon L. White, William S. Liscomb, Frederick A. Hinekey, Esquires, all of Providence; William P. Sheffield, Jr., Henry H. Swinburne, Rishbrough H. Tilley, all of Newport, and they were so elected.



The change in the Constitution placing the appointment of the Librarian in the hands of the Library Committee, which was proposed at the preceding quarterly meeting, was discussed and passed with but one dissenting voice. The following is the amendment :

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Section 2, Article 3, of the Constitution of the Rhode Island Historical Society, shall be amended as follows :

Following the word Society in the first line, shall be inserted the words, "with the exception of the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper."

Article 3, Section 6, shall be amended as follows :

Following the word Keeper, in the first line, shall be inserted the following words, "shall be appointed by the Library Committee," he shall safely keep, etc.

All parts of the Constitution inconsistent with the above are hereby repealed.

The Society then proceeded to the annual election of its officers and committees, the result of which appears in a former portion of these proceedings.



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

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Our annual meetings are fit occasions for reviewing the doings of the past year, to obtain knowledge for future guidance. Details of our progress as a Society will appear in the reports that will be laid before you by the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Standing Committees, and the Procurators.

There have been held during the year seventeen meetings ; four of them for receiving reports, and transacting the business of the Society ; twelve of them for listening to the reading of papers, and discussing the subjects of which they treated, and one of them for the due observance of the death of our late respected President.

During the past year the veteran Cabinet-Keeper, Rev. Edwin M. Stone, has withdrawn from the further labors of a trust which he efficiently performed during a period of nearly thirty years, and at times of great depression, when the vitality of this Institution appeared to have nearly ceased. In parting, this tribute of grateful remembrance of his long-continued labors is now called forth.

The files of letters and communications of various kinds, received by our Secretary within the last eight months, show that an extensive correspondence has been carried on with societies and individuals engaged in kindred pursuits. These communications, which may be consulted by our members, demonstrate a high appreciation of our publications, a willingness to co-operate in promoting the objects of our association, and a desire to profit by our valuable collections.

The report of our Treasurer, the value of whose services no words of mine can duly express, shows that the drafts upon the treasury have exceeded the supplies. This statement will, it is presumed, serve as a caution in the manage-



ment of our affairs. It has been the rule of our Society to get funds before spending them, and this rule cannot be safely abandoned.

Since our last annual meeting four of our members have departed this life, viz. : Messrs. Benjamin Gladding Pabodie, Samuel Greene Arnold, William Tully Dorrance, and Edward Pearce. Obituary notices of the first two of these were inserted with our printed proceedings of 1879-80. Mr. Dorrance joined the Society in 1836, and died on May 17th, 1880. Mr. Pearce joined the Society in 1873, and died on the first day of this year.

Thirty-two gentlemen were elected on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, resident members, twenty-six of whom have completed their membership by complying with the terms of the Constitution. I suggest that no person be hereafter elected without satisfactory proof that he sufficiently appreciates the objects of the Society to complete his membership on receiving notice of his election. We now have upwards of two hundred members, and should be glad to see the number greatly increased, providing the standard of intelligence and character were correspondingly elevated.

I invite special attention to the report of the Publication Committee. This department of labor has not, in my opinion, received the attention it deserves.

The procurement of a folio volume for receiving photographs and engraved likenesses of distinguished individuals, and especially of members of the Historical Society, as memorials for posterity, has proved one of the most attractive and valuable additions in the Cabinet to interest visitors. When it is considered that these sunlight and engraved portraits will be preserved for gratifying future generations, the present actors on the stage of life are urgently called upon to furnish their portraits for this department. There are now collected many photographs of matrons, and of some belles. It is more especially desirable to include within the folios



pictures of the present lovely forms that grace modern social life, that posterity "may catch the living manners as they rise." The King of Saxony has obtained portraits of the most beautiful women of the kingdom for preservation in a national gallery; and this may prove a humble attempt to perpetuate memorials of beauty and loveliness historically.

Our Cabinet is now much visited by strangers, as well as by members of the Society, for instruction and improvement. Within the last eight months upwards of one hundred gentlemen and ladies have left their autographs upon the visitors' book. Gentlemen of the legal profession come to consult our files of newspapers, and historical and genealogical students seek here answers to their numerous inquiries. This marked progress in the usefulness of this institution results largely from our State appropriation, supplemented by the liberal contributions of beneficent members. We need more funds to carry forward our work of binding and procuring valuable books, of putting into a condition to be used those we have, and of extending the influence of our Society to every part of the State.

And here I take the liberty to commend to your favorable consideration, a plan that has been adopted and approved by several historical societies sustaining a relation to their respective States similar to that sustained by our Society to our State. The plan is, that instead of making a brief written report to the General Assembly, as is the present usage, the Society report to that body in print our annual proceedings, at an expense to the State not exceeding five hundred dollars for an edition of eight hundred or nine hundred copies, of which each member of the General Assembly, each town clerk, each high school, each incorporated literary institution, or library company, should receive one copy, the Historical Society five hundred copies, and the remainder of the edition be at the disposal of the Secretary of State. This plan, if adopted, would give the General Assembly a good



idea of the nature and scope of our work, and would extend the usefulness of the Society to all parts of the State.

My recollections reach back to the period when the strong men of our State rallied to found this Society; their plan being to cause our local history to be studied, and all information that pertains to it preserved and disseminated.

Long before our public schools were organized as at present, our General Assembly voted five hundred dollars to aid the Society, when that sum was more than several thousand dollars would now be. We should rejoice to witness to-day the same zeal and interest for the same noble object.

The year 1880 is an era in the history of this Society. Our business meetings and our meetings for listening to the reading of papers, have been well attended; and a general interest has been awakened in the objects for which this Society was founded. The most striking change is patent to all who will look about this room. Here a work has been begun, bringing order out of confusion; restoring and arranging paintings and various works of art; taking from trunks and chests choice documents, placing them where they can be best seen and most readily consulted; and calling for the contributions of works that directly concern us as Rhode Islanders, and other generous responses from numerous friends who have supplied the most urgent needs of the Society. A great work has been done in classifying and shelving our collections, with the view of rendering them available.\*

I will refer to one other matter. To carry forward our work in this Cabinet, we must have rules and regulations impartially enforced, and a responsible and intelligent custodianship must be efficiently sustained. As the penalty of neglect, we shall suffer in the future, as we have suffered in the past,—irreparable losses. Ten years ago our Cabinet-Keeper, Mr. Stone, stated to the Society that the free access

\* The labors of the Library Committee are here presumed to be referred to.



to the valuable collections by members, and especially by a crowd during the evening lectures, endangers the security of them beyond the control of the custodian. The necessity for a more spacious and convenient public lecture room is manifest. By attending to this security, we shall deserve and command public confidence, and be enabled to consummate a work that deeply concerns the good name and character of our State.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

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The Committee of the Rhode Island Historical Society on Publications, beg leave to report that they are making progress towards the publication of a new volume of collections.

Among the Foster Papers they find a biography of Gov. Cranston, covering a period at the close of the 17th and beginning of the 18th centuries, together with a genealogy of the Cranston family, written by Mr. Foster, which they think worthy of publication. They have conferred with members of the Cranston family relative to the publication of these papers, and take pleasure in stating that these gentlemen are willing to bear the whole expense attending it.

The Society for many years has been desirous to print the Diary of the Rev. Ezra Stiles, for more than twenty years a resident of Newport and Portsmouth (1755 to 1778), and subsequently President of Yale College. To this College he bequeathed his papers. Besides the Diary of Dr. Stiles, is his Correspondence, and sundry papers relating more or less to Newport, and other parts of Rhode Island. Your Committee are in correspondence with Professor James M. Hoppin, of Yale College, who has kindly consented to examine the Stiles manuscripts, if permission can be obtained from the authorities of that institution for such examination, and select such as appertain to this State. To effect the



objects in view application has been made to the President of Yale College.

Besides the Cranston and the Stiles papers, there is Comer's Diary, which was copied several years since for publication, and sundry papers from the Whipple, the Brown, and other collections, so that there are ample materials for a volume.

Respectfully submitted by

JOHN R. BARTLETT,

*For the Committee.*

January 10th, 1881.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

*To the Rhode Island Historical Society:*

The Committee on Building and Grounds respectfully submit their report of expenditures made during the year 1880:

The whole amount paid was two hundred and fifty-five dollars and fifty cents, as follows:

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| For book-cases, platform, etc., in the back part of the Cabinet,                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$175 96 |
| For repairs of windows and doors, including wire screens for the cellar windows, | - | - | - | - | - | - | .39 54   |
| For fitting up shelves for bound volumes of newspapers in the west corner room,  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 78    |
| For care of grounds,                                                             | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 22    |
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For the Committee,

ISAAC H. SOUTHWICK.

Providence, January 11th, 1881.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

The Committee on the Library beg leave to make the following report :

The change in the Constitution which created the Standing Committee on the Library, was made at the quarterly meeting on the 7th of April, 1880. At the same meeting the present Library Committee was elected. A Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper had as usual been elected at the beginning of the year, and a woman, Mrs. Cushing, was employed to keep the rooms open, and to do such work in cataloguing as was required of her. Some attempt had been made to arrange the pamphlets in the Cabinet, and to make a catalogue of them. The Library Committee immediately assumed charge and control "of the Property of the Society within the Cabinet Building," as they were required to do under Section 9 of the amended Constitution. They met at once, and very often thereafter, to decide upon their course of action ; which, once having been settled, has since been pursued with undeviating persistence. They agreed first to dispense with the services of a woman, and to employ a man. Their reasons for this action were, first, that the great changes proposed would require the strength of a man ; second, that during these hours of labor the presence of a woman would be many times embarrassing ; and third, differences of opinion as to the policy of employing a woman had arisen among the members, which it appeared desirable to allay. For these reasons the service of Mrs. Cushing was closed, and Mr. Amos Perry was appointed to the position which she had formerly held. Her service was continued until the end of April, and on the first day of May Mr.



Perry began his service. During the month of April little was accomplished by the Committee besides maturing the plans which should govern their action. It was thought best to bring all the bound books which could be considered as in any way relating to Rhode Island into certain divisions; that places should be found on the shelves for all bound manuscripts, and that all remaining books of New England history, town history, genealogy, and kindred subjects, should be placed together in adjoining sections; that those divisions should all be brought down upon the lower floor; many of the Rhode Island books and pamphlets, having been kept in the gallery; that the shelves and books should then be numbered, preparatory to the work of making a catalogue which is *the* thing most of all to be desired.

Having considered well their plan of action, the Committee, on the 12th of April, invited the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, Mr. Stone, to meet them. This meeting took place at the Cabinet. All the plans were submitted to him, and his advice and co-operation solicited.

The Committee found the Library in a state of almost inextricable confusion. Had a person ignorant of the design of the Society, and of the objects of its collections, been placed within the building, he would have found little to indicate that he was in a Rhode Island Historical Library. In their selection of Rhode Island books, sufficient latitude was to be given to include every book about the State; every book written by a person of Rhode Island birth, or a present inhabitant; and every book printed in the State. Everything in the possession of the Society which would aid the student of Rhode Island history, genealogy, or literature in his researches, was to be made accessible to him with the least possible delay.

The first thing required was a place for the Rhode Island Library, and the Committee fixed upon the sections at the north end of the building, as being the most prominent, and



sightly, and at the same time separated from all other sections.

These shelves required some re-arrangement which the Committee on Building and Grounds, upon our request, decided at once to assume, and charge the expense to the appropriation given them by the Society, and thus leave the appropriation given the Library Committee for other uses. These alterations have been admirably accomplished, the shelves were at once useful, and very ornamental, and one-ninth additional shelf room was acquired. The work of selection then commenced. The Rhode Island *printed* books were placed in the western section. The bound manuscripts were brought from their hiding places and placed in the central section, where also were placed some of the rare books which properly belong to the Rhode Island section. It was the intention to place this section under locks; this has, however, as yet been found to be a problem of some difficulty. Continuing this arrangement, those books of New England history, genealogy, town history, and in fact every thing of a historical character finds a place in the eastern section. This work of selection has been mainly accomplished, and it has disclosed one or two very unpleasant facts which your Committee have since labored incessantly to overcome. First there was found to be an alarming scarcity of books relating to Rhode Island. Second, many sets of the historical collections of other States were found to be broken; and third, many books which were once in the Library, had disappeared, to wit: Updike's History of the Narragansett Church, Stiles' History of the Judges, Burke's Report, Ross's Historical Discourse, Dring's Jersey Prison Ship, (this latter book has since been found, Mr. Stone having produced it, with the statement that he found it in the cellar); besides these were many others. Of Updike's History the Society formerly owned ten copies, every one of which had disappeared. To remedy the first defect, the Committee prepared and printed lists of such books con-



needed with our history and literature as readily occurred to them. These lists were forwarded by the Treasurer to the members, and to such others as it was thought might be able and willing to assist the Society in obtaining the books desired. This experiment has resulted successfully. Many of the books for which we asked have been sent to the Library, besides many more for which we had not asked. By this arrangement there were restored to our shelves, Burke's Report, Ross's Discourse, Updike's Narragansett Church, Dring's Jersey Prison Ship, and many more, which it is needless to mention. In one case a pamphlet sent to us by Mr. Howland, was, with his permission (it being a duplicate), disposed of, and the proceeds were found sufficient to purchase Hotten's List of Emigrant Passengers to America from 1600 to 1700, which has been obtained, and inscribed as the gift of Mr. Howland. It is of the greatest value in genealogical researches. In this connection we can but deplore the loss of one of the volumes of Alden's Epitaphs, thus breaking one of the most useful and valuable sets of books relating to New England genealogy in our Library. In continuance of this portion of our labors we have imposed upon the Secretary the duty of opening a correspondence with non-resident Rhode Island authors, with a view of obtaining their writings. We are happy to state that in every case our applications have been successful, and the books we sought have been given to us.

Pursuing our investigations into the necessities of the Library, and as a remedy for the second evil, we imposed upon the Secretary the duty of opening a correspondence with sister societies in other States, with a view of obtaining the volumes of their publications which were missing from our sets. In every case we were met with the statement that these volumes had once been supplied to us, and that while regretting our losses, and cordially offering to do for us whatever lay in their power, yet many of their volumes were out of print, and could not now be had; still such as



could be obtained were sent. In remedying these two evils, the third (of which we spoke), has to a certain extent been met.

The interest which this activity on the part of the Society has aroused both among its own members and in the general public, is most encouraging. Thus we have partially completed the New York Historical Collections, and the Pennsylvania set, although neither set can be quite perfected; and we have entirely completed the Connecticut Colonial Records, the Massachusetts Historical Collections, the American Almanac, the Rhode Island Manuals, the Rhode Island Registration Reports, the Acts and Resolves of the Rhode Island General Assembly, and the Historical Magazine; which latter was obtained by way of exchange with Mr. Henry B. Dawson, for it we gave him a set of the Rhode Island Colonial Records.\* By this exchange with Mr. Dawson, we have completed our set of the Historical Magazine, of which we before had only the first series.

The Callender portrait, which had been so badly damaged by age, and to which we called attention at the July meeting, has, in obedience to the vote of the Society, been restored and replaced upon the north wall, where, as number four, it now forms one of our finest possessions. This work was done by Mr. D. Chase, at an expense of \$25, for his work in restoring the Callender portrait, and on the painting of the "September Gale," which he has varnished. In addition to this work Mr. Chase has most generously restored, without expense to us, the portrait known as the Belcher portrait, so that this formerly repulsive object now forms one of our finest ornaments. Upon removing the portrait of Callender from its frame, the latter was found to be an antique French frame, entirely carved by hand, and of

\* By way of a note, we may here say that of this latter work you have now left fifteen sets, each volume of which we have caused to be wrapped in newspapers, and each set wrapped in paper and tied in a neat package, and its contents marked. We have reason to believe that since the commencement of our labors two sets of this work have been broken by the abstraction of the earlier volumes, which have become scarce.



great beauty and value. This frame has been most generously regilded for us by Mr. Seth M. Vose, who has not confined his generosity to this single act, but has also given us a most beautiful frame for the Belcher portrait. This Society can do no less than return its thanks to these gentlemen for their gifts, and for this purpose we have prepared votes of thanks, which will be presented, and for which we crave your consideration. A platform has been constructed for the President's chair, and for readers to stand upon, and the arrangement of former years has been removed. The closed shelves, or cupboards, beneath the regular shelves, have been numbered, and for the first time made available, for storage and other uses. This arrangement adds another ninth to our shelf-room on the lower floor. The central gas chandelier has been raised four feet, so as to give to the audience an unobstructed view of the portraits on canvas, which have all been gathered upon the north wall, and thus a formerly cold and cheerless white wall has been transformed into a most attractive feature.

The old shelves which were formerly in the southeast corner, have been removed and sold. For them we obtained a copy of Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, a copy of DeTocqueville's Democracy in America, (the best edition), in two volumes, and bound in half calf, and eleven dollars in money. The pictures generally throughout the building have been re-hung with some regard to order and to fitness; many have been gathered together in the recess at the head of the stairs, where the light is good, and where they render the dead walls attractive. The old carved wooden figure of Hamilton, which for many years occupied a prominent position on Westminster street, has been brought from the cellar, where it has for years reposed, painted, and placed over the door, within the Cabinet, and the old bunch of grapes, likewise re-painted, is suspended upon the handsome crane, which, for so many years, supported it. This crane, made of wrought iron, has been repaired, and now presents a



fine appearance. A large collection of bound newspapers, which had been collecting in the office of the Secretary of State, have been obtained and taken to the Cabinet. This addition made a change of accommodations for such material at once necessary. We have, therefore, caused the front case to be re-built, and strengthened and improved the rear case in the most effective manner, and thus has been provided ample accommodation for the present, and for some time to come. On the eastern end of the front case we have found a place for the duplicate copy of the Charter of Charles the Second, which has so long lain about on the chairs and tables of the lower floor. The capacious closet behind the rear case of newspapers, which has so long been closed up by shelving, we have opened and put to valuable uses. The flagstaffs, the maces, the spontoons, or espontoons, the bows of the Indians, and their arrows, and the tomahawks, we have placed upon the front of the balustrade, where they are at the same time out of the way and ornamental. A new desk, suited to the requirements of the Secretary, has been provided, and thus a place for the records has been found. A new table for the President, and a stand for a reader or speaker has been obtained, and gas brackets have been placed so that light may be available and yet not offend the eyes of the audience. A stand for the Visitors' Record has also been provided, and efforts have been made to obtain the autographs of visitors; we found in the legendary words of welcome with which the Indian met Roger Williams, a most appropriate motto for this desk, "What Cheare Netop,"—Welcome Friend. It was, and is, the intention to have these words gilded on the wood, but not yet being able to decide upon a way of spelling, this has not been done. It is gratifying to observe the very great increase in the number of visitors, and to note the interest taken in the work of the Society. Since the first of May, 279 strangers have visited the Cabinet. In the preceding fourteen months the number was 105. The Committee at once, upon their acces-



sion to office, gave directions to the Assistant Librarian, that accurate lists should be kept of all accessions to the Library. A thorough search disclosed no book prepared for that purpose. A new book was prepared and put in use. The Committee, desiring to examine the record kept in former years, addressed a note to the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, inquiring if any such record existed, and if so, where it could be found. Answer was returned by mail that the record was in the north drawer of the table. There, where we had often before looked, we found it. The record begins in 1835, stops with 1845, and contains nothing further until 1874, a period of twenty-nine years. Upon further inquiry, we learned that for a period the list of accessions was copied by the Secretary into the Record of Proceedings. This practice, however, was soon abandoned, and, strange as it may appear, the Librarian (Mr. Stone) informs us he was directed (by the late Mr. Albert G. Greene) to keep his record upon loose sheets of paper, and abandon the book which the Society had prepared. Thus for many years we have no record of accessions. Our record of accessions for the past four months covers upwards of twenty-six foolscap pages.

This Society is by law the recipient from the State of thirty copies of the Acts and Resolves of each session of the General Assembly. We have made diligent inquiry from all parties concerned, but we have failed utterly in finding out anything whatever about them. We can neither find out whether we have ever received them, nor if we have received them, what has been done with them. The only one issued since we came into office is that of the May session, issued in July. We have never seen them, nor can we learn of them. A single set even was not kept in the Cabinet, and we have been obliged to solicit for the Society, a file to complete the set in the Library, from 1875 to 1880. This has, however, been done, and the set is now complete. In this connection, it is proper to remark, that the set as originally deposited by the State, was very imperfect, many numbers were missing, duplicate numbers were bound in, and in some cases



terrible errors were made. Thus the index to the Digest of 1767 was bound into the volume of schedules of 1750. In another case an old Tax Levy was bound in as a schedule. These and many other equally absurd errors have been corrected. The missing schedules, thanks to Judge Stiness, have been obtained, and the entire set rebound. Thus with the exception of the schedule for December, 1755, and the schedules for the years 1756 and 1757, we believe the set is complete.

We have made no regular examination of the contents of the pamphlet boxes, but on casually taking down a few boxes we found arranged as pamphlets Hubbard's Indian Wars, 2 vols., royal 8vo., Drake's Old Indian Chronicle, small quarto, Memoirs of Eminent Philadelphians, a volume of a thousand pages, Felt's Annals of Salem, in the numbers as originally issued, uncut, and many other "pamphlets," if such things are pamphlets, which only need bindings to dignify them by the name of books. A set of the Lives of the New England Fathers, a work in six volumes, 12mo., was found among these pamphlets. It was in the technical condition known as "sheets folded and collated," when we removed it and sent it to the binder. In one of the Rhode Island Pamphlet Cases (all of which, by the way, have been brought down to the lower floor), is a small Roman Catholic Manual in French. The only connection with Rhode Island matters which it has, seems to be that it teaches the same religion that will be taught in the new Cathedral being just now constructed in this city.

These instances only go to show that a thorough examination of all those boxes should at once be made by some one competent to the work, and that some simple but comprehensive plan should be devised and carried out by which we should be able to learn what we have, and where to find it. At present neither of these desirable ends is possible.

The matter of binding is of great need, and much attention has been given to it. The Folio Schedules have been



entirely reconstructed, and we do not believe the work will ever have to be done again while any of us are living. The Digest of 1767 has been supplied with an index, re-bound and rendered perfect. A new set of the Rhode Island Literary Repository of 1814-15 has been prepared, to take the place of the copy formerly in the Library, which, although bound expressly for the Library, was found to be disarranged in the most effective manner. The sets of periodicals taken by the Society have been completed (some numbers were lost), and bound to the current year. Following this work we have selected such books as were nearest at hand and most needed care, and caused them to be bound in neat and strong but not expensive bindings. The total number of volumes bound since the first of May has been 273 volumes, at an aggregate cost of \$124. None are at present in the hands of the binders. Throughout this work of binding care has been taken not to injure books by cutting off their edges, or binding them in an incongruous way with other things. Every book is uncut and its printed covers and everything with it saved, and everything is independent by itself.

Besides the shelves of which we have before spoken, we have sold a useless door which has so long been lumbering the floor. For it we obtained four dollars. We have also sold fourteen duplicate Providence Tax Books for seven dollars, and a duplicate copy of the Rhode Island Literary Repository, for three dollars. All these sums have passed into the hands of the Treasurer. A duplicate copy of the North Providence Centennial has been exchanged with its publisher, Mr. Jenckes, for another book. The Newport Historical Magazine, just started, has been subscribed for, the subscription paid, and the first number is in the Library. We have framed several scarce and valuable engravings, which were never before framed, and re-framed others which were much dilapidated. We are taking measures to restore the terribly broken bust of Tristram Burges, and also the old carved figure which for generations stood by the door of the old Kent



County Jail. Restoration and preservation, as well as collection, should be watchwords of such institutions as this. There is much need of some arrangement for our maps, where they will be out of the way, and yet accessible for reference. With this end in view we caused to be mounted on cloth and suspended beneath the gallery the old chart of Narragansett Bay, which was much torn. It has proved to be a most unruly subject, but we yet think we perceive in the experiment the beginning of success.

We congratulate the Society upon the great number of accessions which have been made to the Library during the last four months, or since the publication of list number one. It is impossible to state with exactness concerning these accessions, but as nearly as can be ascertained the account stands thus: Received from January 1st to May 1st, the present year, two hundred bound volumes. Of this number, one hundred and sixty-two were Michigan State publications, and were not of a special historical character. From May 1st to the present, upwards of three hundred and fifty bound volumes (not including those which have been bound), but new accessions, have been placed in the Library. In former years we have received as follows: In 1877, 133; in 1878, 123; in 1879, 259. So that in mere matters of numbers, we have far exceeded any former period of our existence. But beyond this our accessions bear to a very large degree directly upon the history and literature of Rhode Island, and are therefore directly in the line of our collections.

The Committee have given such time as was available to the question of correspondents. That is, what societies or individuals should be entered upon the list of correspondents, and to whom our proceedings, or collections, should be sent. A list will be submitted at the present meeting, upon which action is solicited. A book has been prepared in which an accurate debit and credit account shall be kept with each corresponding society. It is intended to exhibit at a glance what this Society has received from every other Society, and



when they received it; and second, what is sent to those societies in return, and when and how it was sent. So far as can be discovered, no record exists of what has been done by the Society in this way at any former time of its existence. It is further recommended that every article sent by this Society bear upon it, or in it, a printed slip stating that the gift is from the Rhode Island Historical Society, and also requesting that acknowledgments, pamphlets, books, and such matters intended for this Corporation be addressed directly to it, thus, "Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I.," and not in the names of its officers. There will then be no confusion as to questions of ownership, or whether the gift was for the Society, or for the officers. Questions of this kind have heretofore arisen. A lady has approached the Committee with a view of selling a set of the Providence Daily Journal from 1857 to the present time. She did not at the time have this Society in view. But the fact that these years would exactly fill the gap in our set induces us to lay the facts before you. No examination has been made to ascertain the completeness of the set, which is unbound; but we think some measures should be taken to secure it.

An offer has been made to us by Mr. Albert V. Jenks, one of our members, to inlay all our small engraved portraits. Mr. Jenks is a most skillful amateur in this art, and his offer has been most gratefully accepted.

A duplicate copy of the Memoirs of Rhode Island officers having been given to the Society by the Hon. J. R. Bartlett, has, with his permission, been exchanged for another work of his, the Literature of the Rebellion, which was not before in the Library.

Such, then, is the report of the doings of your Library Committee during the brief period of its existence. If we have stated facts with plainness, we have intended to be accurate, and that the purpose should be always to remedy what we considered to be evils. All must with us deplore a sys-



tem, or a lack of system, which has in the past produced such results. We believe that there should be but one librarian, and that he should receive his appointment not by election, but by appointment from the Library Committee. That he alone should have access to the Cabinet (saving a Janitor), and should be held responsible for the care, preservation, and order of the Library.

In closing we can but return out thanks to the Committee on Building and Grounds, who lent us a helping hand, but likewise to every individual member from whom we have received nothing but assistance, support, and encouragement to an unlimited extent.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,  
JANUARY 12, 1881.

In continuation of their report submitted at the last quarterly meeting, and supplementary to it, the Library Committee beg leave to submit the following :

The exacting cares of the private affairs of the individual members of the Committee, always largely increased at this season of the year, have prevented them from giving that personal attention to the interests of the Historical Society, which their position on the Committee required. Nevertheless, while the development and increase has been less apparent during the past three months, than during the preceding six months of their term of office, yet there has been a steady growth, and in the right direction.

The gathering in of books for the Library has never been equalled since the formation of the Society. Unfortunately for the purposes of comparison, no accurate data exists. Accessions to the Library during former years were very loosely catalogued. From the best information at our command we find that the number of bound volumes obtained in 1877 was 133 ; in 1878, 123 ; in 1879, 259 ; while during the past year we have gathered 740 volumes. But better



than any mere enumeration is the fact, that of the gatherings of 1880 a very large proportion have been in the direct line of the work of the Society, to wit: the collection of the history and literature of the State of Rhode Island. It is safe to say that there has been thus gathered during the past nine months more books specifically relating to our State, than during any similar period of the Society's existence. As before stated, our efforts have been directed towards the acquisition of particular books, which we found wanting, and which would strengthen the Rhode Island Library. The most superficial examination will at once disclose the very greatly increased strength of the Library in this respect.

The collection of manuscripts, which, during the past nine months, have for the first time been accessible to the members, and which are exceedingly valuable, have been increased by the addition of three volumes. The private papers of Samuel Eddy, given by Mr. James E. Mauran, and arranged by ourselves, and the Private Diary kept by the late Dr. Usher Parsons during the Expedition of Commodore Perry to Lake Erie, and also on the cruises of various ships of war on which Dr. Parsons served as surgeon. These manuscript diaries were given by the son of Dr. Parsons.

To the department of Genealogy, a department in which the Library is not particularly strong, several additions have been made. Genealogies of the following families have been secured: Foster, Martin, Sharpe, Welles, Greene, Crosby, Burke, Corwin and Sage. In addition to the above, Dr. Parsons has sent you the necrology of the Harvard Alumni in two volumes, and Mr. Charles Aplin, to whom you are indebted for many gifts, has supplied a complete set of Alden's Epitahs, in five volumes. This unique and valuable work was formerly in our Library, but the set had been broken by the loss of one volume.

In the former portion of this report, allusion was made to the complete departure of every copy of the History of the Narragansett Church by Mr. Updike, and that a lady had,



on learning our needs, sent us a copy. This copy lacked the plates, which, curiously enough, one of our members was enabled to supply from his private collection of engravings. This gentleman, Mr. George B. Calder, had been subjected to a loss similar to the Society's loss; his copy of Updike had disappeared, and these plates were all that was left to him.

Another most unfortunate loss has befallen us. Many years since there was given to the Library a copy of Stiles's History of the Judges. In course of time this work became very scarce, and commanded a high price. Upwards of twenty dollars has been paid for copies. Our copy has disappeared. Our hope is that some one will give us another copy. In 1862 the Society possessed upwards of fifty copies of Staples's Annals of Providence. Of these, two copies only remain. No records of any exchange or presentation by the Society exists, and it is difficult to account for their disappearance. The book now sells at fifteen dollars.

We have negotiated two exchanges by which valuable additions have been acquired, one with Mr. Henry B. Dawson, of Morrisania, and one with Mr. J. N. McClintock, of Concord, N. H. The details of these exchanges, and of all similar transactions, will be found in their proper place in the Record of Exchanges, where any one interested can at once turn to them. Other affairs of this nature are now in progress.

Our set of Backus's Church History, which had become broken by the unaccountable loss of volume two, has been completed for us by the gift of volume two by Mr. James E. Mauran. This volume, although lacking the title and index, (both which are now being supplied), will be invaluable to us. Many of our members have sent us valuable additions, some of which it may not be invidious to mention. Besides those which we have already mentioned, viz. : the gifts of Dr. C. W. Parsons, Mr. James E. Mauran, and Mr. Charles Aplin, we have received from Mr. Richmond P. Everett several valuable gifts, but chief among them are two collections of news-



paper cuttings, one relating to the constitutional troubles in Rhode Island, in 1842, and the other relating to the settlement of California, in 1849. Both are curious and valuable.

Thomas M. Clark, Bishop of Rhode Island, has sent us large collections of pamphlets relating to Episcopal affairs in other States. Mr. J. Halsey D'Wolf, although not a member, has sent us a large collection of maps which were the gatherings of the Insurance Company with which he is connected. They are maps of cities and towns in various parts of the country, to wit: Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Mobile, Cincinnati, Woonsocket, Newport, Fall River, Portland, Taunton, and other places. Time has marred their usefulness as adjuncts of an insurance office, and rendered them historic, hence their fitness for our collections. Mr. Abraham Payne has given us a set of Miss Larned's History of Windham county, and the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop has replaced our copy of volume one of his writings, which had unaccountably disappeared. Mr. George J. Adams, not a member, has given us many volumes, chief among them is a set of Belknap's New Hampshire, in three volumes. This, although a duplicate, will assist us materially in obtaining such things as we need. While mentioning the subject of duplicates, we may refer to the fact that two copies of Mr. Greene's edition of Dring's Jersey Prison Ship have been sent to us. This book has heretofore been accounted to be a very rare book.

The number of pamphlet additions during the past year has been large. Their names and number will be found in the accession list. Some of them will be found to be exceedingly valuable and interesting. One of the Avery pamphlets is among them. It may not be improper here to mention that the original documents, or many of them, concerning the first examination of Avery, were deposited in our Library by William R. Staples, who was connected as counsel with the case. Among these now curious things is the vial of the oil of Tanzy, sealed by order of the Court, which



it was claimed by some had been the cause of the death of Maria Cornell, but of which it was believed she never partook. On the twenty-eighth page of the pamphlet we have just named, is some account of this vial. These original papers ought to be mounted and bound, as are our other manuscripts. A portion of the case against Gordon, for the murder of Sprague, has recently been given us. It is the latter half of the pamphlet, and it is to be hoped that the first portion may yet be obtained.

Another most interesting pamphlet has been sent to us by Mr. Thomas Vernon, of New York. It peculiarly relates to Rhode Island. It is the Diary of Thomas Vernon, an American Royalist, late postmaster at Newport. It arose in the following manner: The General Assembly passed in June, 1776, an act called the Test Act, to which the Assembly declared all persons suspected of being inimical to the cause of the United American Colonies should subscribe. During the same (June, 1776,) session several gentlemen from Newport were brought before the Assembly, examined, declared fairly their sentiments, and refused to subscribe their names to the Test Act. One of these gentlemen was Mr. Vernon. The Assembly declared that they were justly deemed unfriendly to the United Colonies, and ordered the sheriff to take them forthwith to the town of Glocester, and to be confined to the limits of the town, but to go at large within the town on their parole, and there to remain until further orders of the Assembly. This was immediately done. Early in October following the Assembly gave them permission to return immediately to their homes, which they at once did. While they were confined to the town of Glocester, Mr. Vernon kept a diary of their daily life about the town, and it is this diary which his descendant, Mr. Thomas Vernon, has now printed. So far as our knowledge extends it is the only thing of the kind. Its only fault is that it is too brief. The temptation is strong to make some extracts from it, but it being so entirely foreign in its nature from such a



report as this is, that we forbear. It affords a most excellent picture of the times and the men in one of our back towns during the war of the Revolution.

In the matter of binding books nothing has been accomplished since our last quarterly report, a lack of funds being the cause. The amount expended on bindings and repairs of books during the nine months of our service has been one hundred and eighty-four dollars and fifty-three cents. Towards these expenses the Society appropriated one hundred dollars. This sum, however, we have not used, but we have raised the entire amount by personal solicitation among those people who love literature, paid all the bills, settled our entire business, and are prepared to hand over the management unencumbered to our successors.

Of the sum appropriated to the uses of the Society by the State, we have drawn \$279.03. Of this amount, \$233.33 was for the payment of the salary of the person employed under the authority of Chapter 741, General Statutes, for the "care and preservation of the property of the State" in our keeping. Further, \$45.70 for sundry bills as per memorandums attached to the former section of this report. This leaves a balance to the credit of the Historical Society of \$280.99, with the salary of the custodian (Mr. Perry) paid to the 31st December, 1880.

Of the Society funds there have been appropriated to the use of this Committee :

|                                                      |   |   |      |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|---|------|--------|
| For the repair of Callender portrait,                | - | - | \$25 | 00     |
| For the purchase of furniture,                       | - | - | -    | 100 00 |
| For general uses,                                    | - | - | -    | 100 00 |
| “ “ “ (provided the same be raised by subscription), | - | - | -    | 250 00 |

For sundry purposes, as per vouchers in the hands of the Treasurer, the Committee have expended \$331.60.

From solicitations this Committee have obtained from gift



of William B. Weeden, Esq., \$25.00; from Sullivan Dorr, Esq., \$25.00; Mrs. Anna A. Ives, \$25.00; Mrs. John Carter Brown, \$25.00; Col. William Goddard, \$20.00; Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., \$5.00; George T. Paine, Esq., \$10.00; Mrs. Henry G. Russell, \$25.00; Dr. Charles W. Parsons, \$25.00, and sale of furniture, etc., \$25.00.

With the submission of this report the official relations of this Committee will cease. It only remains for them to congratulate the Society upon the progress which has been made within the year. Method has been introduced and maintained, direction has been given to many enterprises, and efforts have always been made to utilize all our forces.

The Committee being now free of all official relations can without restraint support their proposition submitted at the last quarterly meeting, to so amend the Constitution as to place the appointment of a Librarian in the hands of the Library Committee. This measure must, it appears to us, at once commend itself to the good sense of the Society.

CHARLES W. PARSONS,

HORATIO ROGERS,

SIDNEY S. RIDER,

*Library Committee.*

Providence, January 11th, 1881.

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## REPORT ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHES.

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The Committee on Genealogical Researches of the Rhode Island Historical Society, beg leave respectfully to report :

That the indications of increased interest in this pursuit are highly encouraging.

That a second volume of the Registration of Providence has been presented to the public by Dr. Snow and Mr. Rider, characterized by evidences of the skill, care and dili-



gence which distinguish all the efforts of those gentlemen, and which, in point of execution, would do credit to any press in the world.

That a magazine, devoted in great measure to placing before the public the registration of Newport and adjoining towns, has been started, of which three numbers have been issued, and which, it is hoped, will be of material service in promoting the design of eventually bringing the whole registration of the State within the reach of every resident in it. The favor which this enterprise has met with, is greater than might have been expected, and shows that the public mind is not inaccessible to the claims of this important subject. It is hoped and believed that the aid of the public will enable its projectors to enlarge its scope and sphere of usefulness.

The Committee take leave again to urge upon the members of the Society, and upon all citizens, the importance of losing no opportunity to rescue from contingency any scrap of intelligence bearing on this subject, no matter in how small degree, and religiously preserving it, to furnish it, if possible, to some person or institution, through which it will be made, eventually, the property of the public. No person, not conversant with the subject, can conceive of the immense mass of valuable information constantly in process of irrecoverable loss through the want of appreciation of the value of small bits of information, and no one can justly estimate the amount of labor, difficulty and expense of tracing the connections of a single family through town and church records, and grave-yard inscriptions, of several different localities in this little State, imperfect as many of them have become, from the vicissitudes of time.

The Committee firmly believe that constant attention to this subject, on the part of those already enlisted in it, with the spirit manifested by comparatively young persons, will give this Society, and this State, high rank in this branch of literary work, and we congratulate you upon the rapidly growing individual interest, whose development may be



justly attributed to the influence of this institution, and promises the accomplishment of such results as will contribute much to gratify the honest pride of every Rhode Islander.

Respectfully submitted by

HENRY E. TURNER,  
WILLIAM A. MOWRY,

*Committee.*

January 11, 1881.

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## REPORT

OF GEORGE C. MASON, ESQ., PROCURATOR FOR NEWPORT.

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During the past year some attention has been paid in Newport to collecting historical information, both by the Newport Historical Society, and by individuals interested in antiquarian research; and papers touching the history of Newport, have, from time to time, been published in the local newspapers. But one of the strongest evidences that the spirit of inquiry has not died out, is found in the fact that a Historical Magazine, published quarterly, under the auspices of the Newport Historical Society, and known as *The Newport Historical Magazine*, has already reached its third number, with a reasonable prospect that it will be continued and become a firmly established periodical. Its pages are devoted exclusively to historical matter, and chiefly that of Rhode Island; and one of its features is the classifying and putting into print the valuable lists of births, deaths and marriages in this county, made by Dr. Henry E. Turner, who is the editor. Similar lists are being made in other towns, and will find a place in this magazine. These lists, in themselves, will make the magazine a valuable work of reference.



Mr. Thomas Vernon, now of New York, but a native of Newport, with commendable zeal and great love for antiquarian research, has recently printed, in pamphlet form, reminiscences of one of his ancestors, Thomas Vernon, an American Loyalist, who was Royal Postmaster at Newport from about 1745 to 1775 or 1776, and for twenty years Registrar of the Court of Vice-Admiralty; including Mr. Vernon's journal during the time that he, with others, was deprived of his liberty, under an order of the General Assembly. This is an interesting addition to the biographical sketches of prominent Rhode Islanders which have been published, and which, it is hoped, will rapidly increase in number.

In the death of Mr. Benjamin H. Rhoads, who expired in this city December 23d, 1880, the Newport Historical Society has lost a valued and highly respected member. Though not a native of Newport, he having been born at Brookline, Mass., Mr. Rhoads had long been identified with Rhode Island. He was a student at Brown University, and after he had graduated he devoted himself to teaching for a number of years. In 1858 the position of Librarian of the Redwood Library was offered him, and from that time up to within a few weeks of his death, he filled all the duties of his office in the most careful and conscientious manner, and to the great satisfaction of the many persons who are daily in the habit of visiting that institution. It was his earnest wish to complete a new catalogue of the Library, on which he had been engaged for a long time, but that privilege was denied him.



## REPORT

OF ERASTUS RICHARDSON, ESQ., PROCURATOR FOR  
WOONSOCKET.

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Little has taken place at Woonsocket during the past year, of sufficient interest to communicate to the Rhode Island Historical Society. But how strange such a statement would seem to those who may chance to read this "report" a hundred years from today! Everything that has taken place at Woonsocket is of sufficient interest to be recorded, and what may appear to-day as trivial, in the future may be really of the most vital importance. I have been so much impressed with the truth of this remark, while looking over ancient papers, that I have urged the town authorities to provide a book, to be kept at the Town Clerk's Office, and open to all, not only to peruse, but to write therein anything that may appear to them of sufficient interest to record.

I send you herewith the printed documents of the town for the past year.

When or where the first meetings of the Quakers were held in the town of Providence is unknown. The first meeting-house, of which there is any record, was erected in 1703-4, and is now standing in the Moshassuck valley, near the village of Lonsdale. This was simply a meeting-house for worship. Their monthly meetings were held, and their records kept at Greenwich. But the peculiar position of the Woonsocket settlement, being situated at a "cross roads," in close proximity to the neighboring colonies, and easily accessible from many points, attracted their notice at an early day, and in 1718 the "Providence Monthly Meeting" was set off from the "Greenwich Monthly Meeting," and the records began at this place. Thus Woonsocket became, not



so much from the piety of its inhabitants, as from the natural advantages of its location, a religious and an educational *centre* of the large territory now comprised within the counties of Worcester, Mass., and Providence, R. I.

These "records" contain much valuable material. Until I obtained access to them, the pages of the earlier books had never been numbered, neither had an index been made thereof. This labor I took upon myself while seeking matter for the history of the town. I can think of no better contribution to the archives of the Society, than a copy of the Index of the Quaker Records, which is herewith sent.

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## REPORT

OF GEORGE H. OLNEY, ESQ., PROCURATOR FOR HOPKINTON.

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At a very recent period I commenced to collect the local official publications of Hopkinton, and some of the adjoining towns, and have met with a good degree of success. As soon as the files are completed, I shall deposit them in the Cabinet of the Society.

Our State is eminently a manufacturing community, and it would be within the objects and scope of the Society, and of great value and interest to the student of the history of the State, to secure sketches of the early history of the various manufacturing industries now carried on within our borders, and especially of those industries formerly pursued, but which are now carried on to a limited extent, or have been wholly extinct for many years.

As an illustration of the latter class, I would mention the manufacture of wrought iron from black sand obtained from the sea shore, and ore, which was carried on to a considerable extent for those days, at several localities within the



limits of the town of Hopkinton during the latter part of the last, and the early part of the present century, but now wholly abandoned.

Other industries in addition to those above named formerly carried on in several of the towns of the State, might well receive the attention of the Society.

Some of these are casually referred to by several writers, but they certainly are worthy of a more extended notice than has heretofore been accorded to them.

There are but few who were connected with the establishment and development of our early manufacturing industries, or who have personal knowledge of them, now living, and these are fast passing away, and the facts and incidents to be gained from them must be obtained soon, or the opportunity will be lost to gather them for record, and many items of peculiar interest can only be known by tradition, which is so liable to error.

A volume of sketches such as has been alluded to could not but prove to be of great interest, and besides, it would be a valuable acquisition to the local history of our State.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON THE COMMUNICATION OF MRS. CORNELIA E. GREEN.

The undersigned were appointed a Committee to confer with the city authorities on the propriety of assigning the names of French officers to certain new streets in the lands north of Harrington's lane, now North street, which were the site of the encampment in which the French troops spent the winter of 1782. The suggestion, it will be remembered, had its origin with the late Hon. Samuel G. Arnold, during his last illness, and at his request it was communicated to the Society by a member of his family after his death.

The Committee beg leave to report that, through one of their number, they have conferred with His Honor the Mayor of the city, and by him have been informed that names are usually given to new streets when they are laid out by proprietors, and long before they are offered for acceptance by the city, and that when once accepted, it is undesirable to change their names if it can be avoided. He advised, therefore, that the Committee present the wishes of the Society to the owners of the lands, through which these streets are opened, through whom it will probably be easy to carry them into effect. He also advised that the names selected for this purpose should not be difficult of pronunciation by ordinary English-speaking people. The Committee will take pleasure in giving still further attention to the matter in accordance with the judicious advice of the Mayor, so soon as the season shall again become favorable for visiting the grounds and conferring with the proprietors.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM GAMMELL,  
JOHN H. STINESS,  
HORATIO ROGERS.

Providence, January 11, 1881.



NECROLOGICAL REPORT.

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Four members of the Historical Society have died during the current year, viz.: Benjamin G. Pabodie, Samuel G. Arnold, William T. Dorrance, and Edward Pearce. Of the two first named, necrological notices appear in the Proceedings of the Society for 1879-80. Thus their obituary notices appear a year before the time of their decease. The minute entered upon the records upon the occasion of the death of the President, Samuel G. Arnold, appears in its proper place in the present Proceedings, it having been omitted in the necrological notice in the Proceedings of 1879-80.

## WILLIAM TULLY DORRANCE

was the son of Samuel and Mary [Pitman] Dorrance. He was born in Providence, December 16, 1809. He was prepared for college at the Greenwich Academy, entered Brown University, and graduated in 1829. After leaving college he, in company with his mother and sister, visited Europe, remaining two years. He returned to Providence in 1832, and entered the office of the late Hon. Richard W. Greene, as a student at law. These studies he prosecuted during two years, and was just ready to enter the bar, when failing health obliged him to relinquish his studies and seek recuperation in a milder climate. For this purpose he visited Florida. Returning to Providence he passed a single year in studying physiology and medicine, with the late Dr. Usher Parsons. In 1840-41 he again visited Europe. Several years after his return, in 1848, the Crompton Manufacturing Company was organized, and Mr. Dorrance became an owner in it and its Treasurer, a position which he retained until 1865, when he sold out his interest and retired from active



business. In 1869 Mr. Dorrance again visited Europe, where he continued to reside until 1874, when he again returned to Providence, where he remained until his death on the 17th May, 1880.

In 1841 Mr. Dorrance married Amey, daughter of the late S. N. Richmond, Esq. Mrs. Dorrance died August 13, 1848, leaving three sons.

Mr. Dorrance became a Resident Member of the Historical Society in 1836. While he took no active part in the work of the Society, he never lost his interest in it, and notwithstanding his long absences from Providence, maintained his connection with it.

He died bequeathing to his sons the richest of all legacies, a good name, a name which was the synonym of integrity, a character without a blemish, a perfect gentleman.

#### EDWARD PEARCE

was the son of Nathaniel and Sally [Stoddard] Pearce. He was born in Providence, May 27, 1804. In 1826 he formed a co-partnership with the late William P. Bullock, under the firm name of Pearce & Bullock, for the prosecution of the shipping business. This business was prosecuted by the firm with varying success until the year 1848, when it was abandoned. Since that time Mr. Pearce has not been interested in commercial affairs; he has been connected with the manufacturing interests in Rhode Island, and has filled important positions in banking institutions, insurance companies, and other institutions in Providence. In 1835 he became a Director in the Phenix Bank, and in 1855 its President, which position he retained until his death. In 1827, Mr. Pearce married Harriet, daughter of the late Richmond Bullock, Esq., who still survives, with three sons.

He became a member of the Historical Society in 1873. He died January 1, 1881.



## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

*Dr. Richmond P. Everett, Treasurer, in account with Rhode Island  
Historical Society.*

1880.

|          |                                                                                           |          |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Jan. 13. | To cash on hand, - - - - -                                                                | \$250 52 |
| Sept. 8. | " interest from Life Membership account, Providence<br>Institution for Savings, - - - - - | 16 28    |
| Oct. 12. | " interest from City Savings Bank, - - - - -                                              | 12 29    |
|          | " donation from Mrs. Martha H. Mowry, - - - - -                                           | 5 00     |

1881.

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| Jan. 10. | " taxes from 168 members at \$3, - - - - -                                                                              | 504 00     |
|          | " fees for admission from twenty-eight members at \$5, - - - - -                                                        | 140 00     |
|          | " overdue taxes from nine members at \$3, - - - - -                                                                     | 27 00      |
|          | " sale of books and pamphlets, - - - - -                                                                                | 21 75      |
|          | " subscription from members to pay Mr. Perry, Sec-<br>retary, for service in Cabinet to January 1, 1881,<br>as follows: |            |
|          | Henry T. Beckwith, - - - - -                                                                                            | \$50 00    |
|          | Henry J. Steere, - - - - -                                                                                              | 50 00      |
|          | Rowland Hazard, - - - - -                                                                                               | 50 00      |
|          | James Coats, - - - - -                                                                                                  | 50 00      |
|          | Henry L. Kendall, - - - - -                                                                                             | 25 00      |
|          | H. Conant, - - - - -                                                                                                    | 25 00      |
|          | J. M. Clark (cash), - - - - -                                                                                           | 25 00      |
|          | Z. Allen, - - - - -                                                                                                     | 10 00      |
|          | A. B. Dike, - - - - -                                                                                                   | 10 00      |
|          | C. E. Carpenter, - - - - -                                                                                              | 5 00       |
|          |                                                                                                                         | <hr/>      |
|          |                                                                                                                         | 300 00     |
|          | " subscription to pay G. A. Brownell, bill<br>for binding, as follows:                                                  |            |
|          | Sullivan Dorr, - - - - -                                                                                                | 25 00      |
|          | W. B. Weedon, - - - - -                                                                                                 | 25 00      |
|          | S. S. Rider, - - - - -                                                                                                  | 28         |
|          |                                                                                                                         | <hr/>      |
|          |                                                                                                                         | 50 28      |
|          | " interest from Providence Institution for<br>Savings, Life Membership account, - - - - -                               | 14 26      |
|          | " cash advanced by Treasurer, - - - - -                                                                                 | 48 93      |
|          |                                                                                                                         | <hr/>      |
|          |                                                                                                                         | \$1,390 31 |



*Cr. Richmond P. Everett, Treasurer, in account with Rhode Island Historical Society.*

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|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|
| 1880.    |                                                                                                                                |            |    |
| Oct. 12. | By Providence Press Company for printing report of 1879-80, - - - - -                                                          | \$273      | 78 |
| Dec. 31. | " Amos Perry, Secretary, for services in Cabinet to January 1, 1881, - - - - -                                                 | 300        | 00 |
| 1881.    |                                                                                                                                |            |    |
| Jan. 10. | " Building and Grounds, - - - - -                                                                                              | 255        | 50 |
|          | " printing, advertising meetings, express and postage, - - - - -                                                               | 233        | 89 |
|          | " Library Committee (including Brownell bill), - - - - -                                                                       | 195        | 53 |
|          | " fuel, gas and janitor, - - - - -                                                                                             | 118        | 61 |
|          | " magazines, - - - - -                                                                                                         | 10         | 00 |
|          | " Mr. John P. Walker, for tax of 1880, returned, he having been transferred to Life Membership, as per that account, - - - - - | 3          | 00 |
|          |                                                                                                                                | <hr/>      |    |
|          |                                                                                                                                | \$1,390 31 |    |

RICHMOND P. EVERETT, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, January 10, 1881.

The undersigned have examined this account, comparing it with the vouchers, and find it correct.

H. T. BECKWITH,  
JOHN P. WALKER,  
WALTER BLODGET,  
*Audit Committee.*

PROVIDENCE, January 10, 1881.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

*Dr. Richmond P. Everett, Treasurer, in account with Rhode Island Historical Society.*

|          |                                                                                   |          |    |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----|
| 1880.    |                                                                                   |          |    |
| Jan. 13. | To balance of account, - - - - -                                                  | \$800    | 00 |
| June 21. | " fee of John P. Walker, of Providence, - - - - -                                 | 50       | 00 |
| July 8.  | " fee of Alexander Duncan, of Scotland, - - - - -                                 | 50       | 00 |
| Sept. 8. | " interest from Providence Institution for Savings, of January 1, 1880, - - - - - | 14       | 26 |
|          | " interest from Providence Institution for Savings, of July 1, 1880, - - - - -    | 16       | 28 |
|          |                                                                                   | <hr/>    |    |
|          |                                                                                   | \$930 54 |    |



*Cr. Richmond P. Everett, Treasurer, in account with Rhode Island Historical Society.*

1881.

Jan. 10. By interest from Providence Institution for Savings,  
           January and July, 1880,       -       -       -       -       \$30 54  
       " balance of account,       -       -       -       -       900 00  
           There is on deposit in the Providence Institution  
           for Savings nine hundred dollars (\$900.00).

RICHMOND P. EVERETT, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENCE, January 10, 1881.

The undersigned have examined this report, comparing it with the vouchers, and find it correct.

HENRY T. BECKWITH,

JOHN P. WALKER,

WALTER BLODGET,

*Audit Committee.*

PROVIDENCE, January 10, 1881.

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## SOCIETIES AND INDIVIDUALS

### FROM WHOM GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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|                                             |                                              |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Henry J. Phillips, Philadelphia.            | John Walker, Providence.                     |
| A. E. Burnside, Bristol.                    | Mrs. M. R. Tibbitts, "                       |
| Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.      | N. E. Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston. |
| Israel W. Andrews, Marietta, O.             | Yale College, New Haven.                     |
| Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.   | John P. Knowles, Providence.                 |
| Dr. S. A. Green, "                          | Albert V. Jenks, "                           |
| Abbott Lawrence, "                          | Wilfred A. Munro, Bristol.                   |
| Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wis. | Edward G. Burrows, Providence.               |
| Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.     | Mrs. Martin S. Caprou, "                     |
| Charles C. Jones, Augusta, Ga.              | Israel Plummer, "                            |
| John H. Wheeler, Raleigh, N. C.             | Thomas R. Hazard, Newport.                   |
| Admiral Geo. H. Preble, Brookline, Mass.    | John Holden, Warwick.                        |
| Worcester Society of Antiquity, Worc'r, Ms. | Mrs. Olive G. Temple, Providence.            |
| Amasa M. Eaton, Providence.                 | Miss Abby A. Temple, "                       |
| Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.               | Publisher of "The Western," St. Louis, Mo.   |
| New York Meteorological Observatory.        | Publisher of "The Antiquarian," Chicago.     |
| Alfred T. Turner, Boston.                   | Noah J. Arnold, Providence.                  |
| Sidney S. Rider, Providence.                | Geo. A. Burroughs, "                         |
| Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Phil. | John R. Bartlett, "                          |
| Edward C. Mauran, Providence.               | E. S. Rhodes, City Messenger, "              |
| First Parish Church, Dedham, Mass.          | Charles Aplin, "                             |
| Edwin M. Stone, Providence.                 | Lewis J. Chace, "                            |
| Frederic DePeyster, New York City.          | Geo. H. Farrier, Jersey City, N. J.          |
| J. C. Buttré, New York City.                | J. M. Addeman, Secretary of State, Prov.     |



- J. Herbert Shedd, Providence.  
 C. B. Farnsworth, Pawtucket.  
 John A. Howland, Providence.  
 Secretary of Interior, Washington, D. C.  
 Association of the Sons of Vermont, Chicago.  
 David R. Whittémore, Providence.  
 Eli Wordel, North Westport, Mass.  
 Société Historique de Montreal, Canada.  
 George K. Cranston, Providence.  
 Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Min.  
 Providence Tool Company, Providence.  
 Isaac N. Arnold, Chicago.  
 Boston Public Library, Boston.  
 American Philosophical Society, Phila.  
 Dr. Edward T. Caswell, Providence.  
 Secretary of Coast Survey, Wash., D. C.  
 Frank M. Burrough, Providence.  
 J. Lewis Peirce, "  
 N. H. Historical Society, Concord, N. H.  
 Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.  
 Rev. C. D. Bradlee, Boston.  
 Mrs. Amasa Paine, Providence.  
 Mrs. Lucy D. Bucklin, "  
 N. Bangs Williams, "  
 Caleb Faraum, "  
 William A. Burke, Lowell, Mass.  
 John O. Austin, Providence.  
 New York Historical Society, New York City.  
 Mrs. George C. Nightingale, Providence.  
 Thomas W. Bicknell, Boston.  
 Dr. Henry E. Turner, Newport.  
 Zachariah Allen, Providence.  
 Albert Holbrook, "  
 Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier, Vt.  
 State of Rhode Island.  
 George T. Paine, Providence.  
 Anthony B. Arnold, "  
 Charles Perry, Westerly.  
 Rev. J. M. Brewster, Providence.  
 Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Phila.  
 Dr. Charles W. Parsons, Providence.  
 Rev. Sidney Dean, "  
 Rev. H. M. Klug, Boston Highlands.  
 Engineer Department, Washington, D. C.  
 P. F. Little, Little Compton.  
 Horatio Gates Jones, Philadelphia.  
 Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn.  
 Mrs. Jane A. Eames, Concord, N. H.  
 William A. Mowry, Providence.  
 Charles Levi Woodbury, Boston.  
 State of Connecticut.  
 Tennessee Historical Soc'y, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Henry T. Drown, New York City.  
 Dr. Charles H. Fisher, North Scituate.
- B. Frank Pabodie, Providence.  
 Rev. J. P. Lane, Hyde Park, Mass.  
 Miss M. S. Dorrance, Providence.  
 Miss E. A. Dorrance, "  
 Henry B. Metcalf, Pawtucket.  
 Marsden J. Perry, Providence.  
 Rowland G. Hazard, Peace Dale.  
 American Antiquarian Soc'y, Worcester, Ms.  
 Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, Kan.  
 Mrs. Dr. A. R. Becker, Providence.  
 Miss Arnold, "  
 John Eddy, "  
 James E. Mauran, Newport.  
 Mrs. George M. Richmond, Providence.  
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 Henry T. Beckwith, "  
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 William M. Bailey, Providence.  
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 Luther P. Hubbard, New York City.  
 Messrs. Leggett Bros., "  
 J. Halsey DeWolf, Providence.  
 Dr. Welcome O. Brown, "  
 Mrs. Samuel G. Arnold, "  
 Major L. A. Huguet Latour, Montreal, Can.  
 Abraham Payne, Providence.  
 Brown University, "  
 William H. Wells, Chicago.  
 J. Lewis Diman, Providence.  
 William Ely, "  
 Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.  
 Providence Public Library, Providence.  
 Rev. Ira Case, Scituate.  
 H. J. Martin, New York City.



## HONORARY MEMBERS,

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ELECTION. RESIDENCES GIVEN AS WHEN ELECTED.

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| July 29, 1823. | *Richard R. Ward,                | New York City.     |       |
| "              | *Benjamin B. Carter,             | " "                |       |
| "              | *George Gibbs,                   | Long Island.       | *1833 |
| "              | *Rev. Benjamin Allen,            | Hyde Park, Eng.    | *1829 |
| "              | *Francis Baylies,                | Taunton.           | *1852 |
| "              | *Henry Wheaton, LL. D.,          | New York City.     | *1848 |
| July 21, 1829. | *James Thayer,                   | Paris, France.     |       |
| "              | *Amedie Thayer,                  | "                  | *1868 |
| July 29, 1830. | *Prof. Chas. C. Rafn, Ph. D.,    | Copenhagen, Den.   | *1864 |
| "              | *Abiel Holmes, D. D., LL. D.,    | Cambridge, Mass.   | *1837 |
| July 19, 1831. | *John Farmer,                    | Concord, N. H.     | *1858 |
| "              | *Rev. John Eastis Giles,         | Leeds, Eng.        |       |
| July 29, 1831. | *Henry N. Cruger,                | Charleston, S. C.  |       |
| "              | *John Tanner,                    | Concord, N. H.     | *1847 |
| "              | *William Lincoln,                | Worcester, Mass.   | *1843 |
| "              | *Samuel Jennison,                | "                  | *1860 |
| July 19, 1833. | *Rev. Samuel Lee, D. D.,         | Cambridge, Eng.    | *1852 |
| "              | *Francis A. Coxe, D. D., LL. D., | London, England.   | *1853 |
| "              | Rev. Chas. W. Upham,             | Salem, Mass.       |       |
| "              | *Rev. Wm. B. Sprague, D. D.,     | Albany, N. Y.      |       |
| July 19, 1833. | *Christopher C. Baldwin,         | Worcester, Mass.   | *1835 |
| July 19, 1834. | Joshua Wilson,                   | London, Eng.       |       |
| "              | Rev. William Copley,             | Oxford, Eng.       |       |
| "              | *Rev. Thomas Robbins, D. D.,     | Mattapoisset, Ms.  | *1856 |
| July 21, 1835. | *Robert Southey,                 | Keswick, Eng.      | *1843 |
| "              | *Thomas Thompson,                | Liverpool, Eng.    |       |
| "              | George Bancroft, LL. D.,         | Northampton, Mass. |       |
| "              | *Henry L. Ellsworth,             | Hartford, Conn.    | *1858 |
| "              | *Gulian C. Verplanck, LL. D.,    | New York City.     | *1870 |
| "              | *John W. Francis, M. D., LL. D., | "                  | *1861 |
| "              | *Benjamin Waterhouse, M. D.,     | Cambridgep't, Ms.  | *1846 |
| "              | *Rev. John Heckwelder,           | Philadelphia,      | *1823 |
| "              | *Roberts Vaux,                   | "                  | *1836 |
| "              | *Lewis Cass, LL. D.,             | Washington, D.C.   | *1866 |

\* Deceased.



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| July 21, 1835.  | *Henry R. Schoolcraft, LL. D.,   | New York City.      | *1864 |
| "               | *Rev. Timothy Flint,             | Cincinnati, O.      | *1840 |
| "               | *Caleb Atwater,                  | Circleville, O.     | *1867 |
| March 14, 1836. | Duke of Cleveland,               | England.            |       |
| May 12, 1836.   | Councillor de Macedo,            | Lisbon, Portugal.   |       |
| July 19, 1836.  | *Sir Henry Agar Ellis,           | London, Eng.        | *1869 |
| "               | *Johann F. W. Schlegel,          | Copenhagen.         | *1836 |
| "               | *Finn Magnusen,                  | Copenhagen.         | *1847 |
| "               | *Carlo Botta, M. D.,             | Italy.              | *1837 |
| "               | *Robert Walsh, LL. D.,           | Philadelphia, Pa.   | *1859 |
| "               | *Rev. Wm. E. Channing. D. D.,    | Boston, Mass.       | *1842 |
| "               | *Rt. Rev. Thos. Church Brownell, | Hartford, Conn.     | *1865 |
| "               | *Edward Everett, LL. D.,         | Boston Mass.        | *1865 |
| "               | *Joseph Story, LL. D.,           | Cambridge, Mass.    | *1845 |
| April 3, 1837.  | *Alexander H. Everett, LL. D.,   | Newtown, Mass.      | *1847 |
| July 19, 1837.  | *Jas. L. Kingsley, LL. D.,       | New Haven, Ct.      | *1852 |
| July 19, 1838.  | E. W. Werland,                   | Copenhagen.         |       |
| "               | *Bertel Thorwaldsen,             | "                   | *1844 |
| Sept. 7, 1838.  | *William H. Prescott, LL. D.,    | Boston, Mass.       | *1859 |
| "               | *Rev. N. Cogswell, D. D.,        | "                   |       |
| "               | *Baron Alexander Von Humboldt,   | Paris, France.      | *1859 |
| "               | *Charles Abraham Elton,          | Bristol, England.   | *1853 |
| "               | Prof. Adam Sedgwick,             | Cambridge, Eng.     |       |
| "               | Dr. Nicol Henri Julius,          | Berlin, Prussia.    |       |
| "               | *A. DeTocqueville,               | Paris, France.      | *1859 |
| July 7, 1840.   | *Joseph John Gurney,             | Norwich, Eng.       | *1847 |
| July 21, 1840.  | *Rev. Alexander Young, D. D.,    | Boston, Mass.       | *1854 |
| "               | *John Savage, LL. D.,            | "                   | *1873 |
| "               | *John Pickering, LL. D.,         | "                   | *1846 |
| "               | *Timothy Pitkin, LL. D.,         | Utica, N. Y.        | *1847 |
| Sept. 8, 1841.  | *John McP. Berrien, LL. D.,      | Savannah, Ga.       | *1856 |
| Jan. 18, 1859.  | R. C. Winthrop, LL. D.,          | Boston, Mass.       |       |
| April 15, 1861  | Bartolomeo Mitre,                | Argentine Republic. |       |
| "               | Domingo Sarmiento, LL. D.,       | "                   |       |
| Jan. 21, 1868.  | William L. Stone,                | New York City.      |       |
| "               | George Hannah,                   | Brooklyn, N. Y.     |       |
| Oct 12, 1869.   | Antonio Garcia y Garcia,         | Peru.               |       |
| April 22, 1870. | *Charles P. Daly, LL. D.,        | New York City.      |       |
| April 4, 1871.  | *George Grote, D. C. L.,         | London, Eng.        | *1871 |
| "               | *Prof. G. G. Gervinus,           | Heidelberg.         | *1871 |
| Oct 1, 1872.    | Hamilton Fish, LL. D.,           | Washington, D. C.   |       |
| Jan. 21, 1873   | *Prof. Joseph Henry, LL. D.,     | "                   |       |
| July 1, 1873.   | *William Cullen Bryant, LL. D.,  | New York City.      |       |
| Oct. 7, 1873.   | *John Lothrop Motley, LL. D.,    | London, Eng.        |       |
| Jan. 20, 1874.  | James Anthony Froude,            | "                   |       |
| Nov. 10, 1874.  | *Brantz Mayer,                   | Baltimore, Md.      |       |



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| Oct. 2, 1877.  | Marshal P. Wilder,        | Boston, Mass      |
| Oct. 1, 1878.  | Jose Maria Latino Coelho, | Lisbon, Portugal. |
| April 1, 1879. | Charles Francis Adams,    | Cambridge, Mass.  |
| July 1, 1879.  | Prof. K. Gislason,        | Copenhagen, Den.  |
| Jan. 13, 1880. | Carl Schurz,              | Washington, D. C. |

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERS,

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ELECTION. RESIDENCES GIVEN AS WHEN ELECTED.

|                |                                 |                        |
|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| July 24, 1835. | *Lieut. Harwood, U. S. N.       |                        |
| July 19, 1836. | *John Russell,                  | Bluffdale, Ill.        |
| "              | *Peter Force,                   | Washington, D C. *1868 |
| July 19, 1837. | *John H. Clifford, LL. D.,      | New Bedford, Mass.     |
| July 19, 1838. | Maturin L. Fisher,              | Worcester, Mass.       |
| "              | George W. Greene, LL. D.,       | Rome, Italy.           |
| "              | *I. K. Tefft,                   | Savannah, Ga.          |
| "              | Henry Barnard, LL. D.,          | Hartford, Ct.          |
| "              | Henry W. Longfellow, LL. D.,    | Cambridge, Mass.       |
| "              | *Bela B. Edwards,               | Andover, Mass. *1852   |
| Jan. 7, 1840.  | John Bagster,                   | London, Eng.           |
| Oct. 4, 1842.  | Charles William Bradley,        | East Haddam, Ct.       |
| July 21, 1846. | *George Sumner,                 | Boston, Mass. *1863    |
| "              | *Cornelius G. Fenner,           | Ohio. *1847            |
| "              | Jacob Dunnell,                  | Pawtucket, Mass.       |
| April 6, 1847. | Charles Deane,                  | Cambridge, Mass.       |
| Jan. 16, 1849. | *J. Wingate Thornton,           | Boston, Mass.          |
| "              | Ben. Perley Poore,              | Boston, Mass.          |
| "              | David Pulsifer,                 | "                      |
| "              | *Jacob B. Moore,                | New York City. *1853   |
| Jan. 16, 1849. | *Charles N. Talbot,             | " " "                  |
| "              | *Wm. T. Harris,                 | Cambridge, Ms. *1854   |
| "              | Comté de Circourt,              | Paris, France.         |
| "              | *Samuel G. Drake,               | Boston, Mass.          |
| "              | *Rev. Joseph B. Felt, LL. D.,   | " *1869                |
| Jan. 15, 1850. | Gen. George Sears Greene,       | New York City.         |
| Jan. 18, 1853. | *George Brinley,                | Hartford, Conn.        |
| July 7, 1857.  | Charles Congdon,                | Brooklyn, N. Y.        |
| Jan. 9, 1858.  | Rev. T. Stafford Drowne, D. D., | "                      |

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| Jan. 19, 1858.  | John Ward Dean,               | Boston, Mass.       |
| Oct. 5, 1858.   | Henry C. Dorr,                | New York City.      |
| "               | Horatio G. Jones,             | Philadelphia, Pa.   |
| "               | Giles Sanford,                | Erie, Pa.           |
| Jan. 18, 1859.  | Rev. Caleb Davis Bradlee,     | Cambridge, Mass.    |
| July 5, 1859.   | *Julius A. Palmer,            | Boston, Mass.       |
| "               | Samuel C. Eastman,            | Concord, N. H.      |
| Oct. 14, 1859.  | Henry Thayer Drowne,          | New York City.      |
| "               | James S. Loring,              | Brooklyn, N. Y.     |
| "               | *Joseph Palmer, M. D.,        | Boston, Mass.       |
| "               | *Almon D. Hodges,             | "                   |
| "               | Rt. Rev. Wm. S. Perry, D. D., | Davenport, Iowa.    |
| July 3, 1860.   | Charles I. Bushnell,          | New York.           |
| "               | Geo. H. Moore, LL. D.,        | "                   |
| Jan. 15, 1861.  | William W. Dobbin,            | Erie, Pa.           |
| April 10, 1866. | Frederick De Peyster, LL. D., | New York City.      |
| May 7, 1867.    | Frederick A. Holden,          | Washington, D. C.   |
| July 16, 1867.  | Samuel A. Greene, M. D.,      | Boston, Mass.       |
| Oct. 27, 1868.  | Rev. James Shrigley,          | Philadelphia, Pa.   |
| "               | C. W. Frederickson,           | New York City.      |
| "               | Nonce Rocca,                  | Tunis, N. Africa.   |
| Feb. 9, 1869.   | *John Gilmary Shea, LL. D.,   | New York City.      |
| "               | A. R. Spofford,               | Washington, D. C.   |
| "               | Isaac Ray, M. D., LL. D.,     | Philadelphia, Pa.   |
| "               | Charles J. Hoadly,            | Hartford, Ct.       |
| Feb. 9, 1869.   | Daniel S. Durrie,             | Madison, Wis.       |
| July 13, 1869.  | Gen. J. W. De Peyster,        | New York City.      |
| "               | Elbridge H. Goss,             | Melrose, Mass.      |
| "               | Rev. Solon W. Bush,           | Boston, Mass.       |
| "               | Rev. J. Langdon Sibley,       | Cambridge, Mass.    |
| "               | Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.,        | Concord, N. H.      |
| "               | James B. Angell, LL. D.,      | Ann Arbor, Mich.    |
| "               | William P. Upham,             | Salem, Mass.        |
| Oct. 12, 1869.  | Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, D. D.,  | Baltimore, Md.      |
| "               | Stephen C. Stockwell,         | New York City.      |
| "               | Samuel L. M. Barlow,          | " "                 |
| "               | Stephen Whitney Phoenix,      | " "                 |
| Feb. 1, 1870.   | Samuel A. Briggs,             | " "                 |
| April 22, 1870. | Charles M. Thurston,          | New Rochelle, N. Y. |
| "               | Evert A. Duyckinck,           | New York City.      |
| "               | William Pitt Palmer,          | " "                 |
| "               | Prof. Charles Rau,            | " "                 |
| "               | D. G. Brinton, M. D.,         | Philadelphia, Pa.   |
| April 4, 1871.  | *Increase A. Lapham, LL. D.,  | Milwaukee, Wis.     |
| "               | John Wilson,                  | Cambridge, Mass.    |
| "               | Benj. F. Browne,              | Salem, Mass.        |
| "               | Joseph L. Chester,            | London, Eng.        |



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| Jan. 16, 1872. | Rev. Richard Eddy,              | Gloucester, Mass.    |
| "              | *Thomas A. Wynne,               | Richmond, Va.        |
| July 2, 1872.  | Rear Admiral George H. Preble,  | Charlestown, Mass.   |
| "              | George Wm. Curtis, LL. D.,      | Staten Island, N. Y. |
| "              | Charles C. Jones, Jr.,          | Brooklyn, N. Y.      |
| Oct. 1, 1872.  | J. Fletcher Williams,           | St. Paul, Minn.      |
| "              | *Joel Munsell,                  | Albany, N. Y.        |
| Jan. 21, 1873. | William Cothran,                | Woodbury, Ct         |
| "              | Francis S. Drake,               | Boston, Mass.        |
| "              | Edward Jarvis, M. D.,           | "                    |
| "              | Dr. Carl Neumann,               | Leipzig, Saxony.     |
| April 1, 1873. | Rev. Frederic Denison,          | Mystic, Conn.        |
| "              | Rev. Dorus Clarke, D. D.,       | Boston, Mass.        |
| "              | Rev. Edmund F. Slafter,         | "                    |
| "              | Rev. Benjamin F. De Costa,      | New York City.       |
| "              | E. D. Andrews, D. D.,           | Marietta, Ohio.      |
| "              | Henry Wheatland, M. D.,         | Salem, Mass.         |
| "              | Benson J. Lossing, LL. D.,      | Dover Plains, N. Y.  |
| "              | Samuel F. Haven,                | Worcester, Mass.     |
| "              | *Frederick Müller,              | Amsterdam, Holland.  |
| July 1, 1873.  | Rev. Thomas T. Stone,           | Bolton, Mass.        |
| Oct. 7, 1873.  | Albert H. Hoyt,                 | Cincinnati, O.       |
| "              | William Chambers, LL. D.,       | Edinburgh, Scotland. |
| "              | J. C. Holst,                    | Christiania, Norway. |
| "              | G. J. Bowles.                   | Quebec, Canada.      |
| Jan. 20, 1874. | Frederick Kidder,               | Boston, Mass.        |
| April 7, 1874. | William J. Hoppin,              | New York City.       |
| July 7, 1874.  | William Greenough,              | Boston, Mass.        |
| "              | *Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D.,     | New York City.       |
| "              | John Ward,                      | " "                  |
| Nov. 10, 1874. | Lyman C. Draper,                | Madison, Wis.        |
| April 6, 1875. | Percy Daniels,                  | Worcester, Mass.     |
| "              | Charles H. Russell,             | New York City.       |
| "              | J. Carson Brevoort,             | " "                  |
| July 6, 1875.  | Thomas F. Rowland,              | Brooklyn, N. Y.      |
| "              | C. Mason Kimmie,                | San Francisco, Cal.  |
| Oct. 5, 1875.  | Franklin B. Hough, M. D.,       | Lowville, N. Y.      |
| "              | *Edmund B. O'Callaghan, LL. D., | New York City.       |
| "              | Benjamin Greene Arnold.         | " "                  |
| Jan. 18, 1876. | Marcus D. Gilman,               | Montpelier, Vt.      |
| "              | Silas Bonfils,                  | Mentone, France.     |
| "              | Phineas Bates, Jr.,             | Boston, Mass.        |
| "              | W. Elliott Woodward,            | "                    |
| Oct. 3, 1876.  | Rt. Rev. M. A. DeWolf Howe,     | Reading, Pa.         |
| "              | John S. Brayton,                | Fall River, Mass.    |
| April 3, 1877. | Richard A. Wheeler,             | Stonington, Conn.    |



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| April 24, 1877. | Rev. Elmer H. Capen, D. D.,        | Somerville, Mass.      |
| Jan. 15, 1878.  | Asa Bird Gardner, LL. D.,          | West Point.            |
| "               | Major-Gen. George W. Cullum,       | New York City.         |
| "               | Brig.-Gen. A. A. Humphreys,        | Washington, D. C.      |
| Oct. 1, 1878.   | Isaac N. Arnold,                   | Chicago, Ill.          |
| "               | Hiram A. Huse,                     | Montpelier, Vt.        |
| April 2, 1878.  | Gen. Hussein Tervik,               | Constantinople.        |
| "               | John Fitch,                        | New York City.         |
| "               | Edward F. DeLancey,                | " "                    |
| Jan. 14, 1879.  | Rev. Charles Rogers, LL. D.,       | London, Eng.           |
| "               | Thos. Wentworth Higginson,         | Cambridge, Mass.       |
| "               | Thomas C. Amory,                   | Boston, Mass.          |
| April 1, 1879.  | Ray Greene Huling,                 | Fitchburg, Mass.       |
| "               | A. W. Holden, M. D.,               | Glen Falls, N. Y.      |
| July 1, 1879.   | Lt.-Col. Thos. L. Casey, U. S. A., | Washington, D. C.      |
| "               | Edouard M. de Montjau,             | Paris, France.         |
| Jan. 13, 1880.  | Moses Coit Tyler,                  | Ann Arbor, Michigan.   |
| "               | Samuel Dunster,                    | Attleboro Falls, Mass. |
| April 5, 1880.  | James Grant Wilson,                | New York.              |
| "               | Henry Phillips, Jr.,               | Philadelphia.          |
| July 6, 1880.   | Alfred T. Turner,                  | Boston.                |
| Oct. 8, 1880.   | James M. Hoppin, D. D.,            | New Haven, Ct.         |
| "               | Thomas W. Bicknell,                | Boston.                |
| "               | J. C. Buttré,                      | New York.              |

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## RESIDENT MEMBERS.—1881.

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**ELECTED.**

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| 1881. | Adams, George J.     |
| 1874. | Addeman, Joshua M.   |
| 1874. | Aldrich, Nelson W.   |
| 1822. | Allen, Zachariah     |
| 1875. | Ames, William        |
| 1876. | Angell, Edwin G.     |
| 1836. | Anthony, Henry B.    |
| 1880. | Anthony, John B.     |
| 1875. | Aplin, Charles       |
| 1874. | Arnold, Olney        |
| 1877. | Arnold, Stephen H.   |
| 1881. | Austin, John Osborne |

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| 1853. | Bailey, Wm. M.         |
| 1881. | Bailey, Richard Arnold |
| 1872. | Barrows, Edwin         |
| 1831. | Bartlett, John R.      |
| 1876. | Barton Robert          |
| 1879. | Barton, William T.     |
| 1877. | Bedlow, Henry          |
| 1858. | Binney, William        |
| 1873. | Blodget, Walter        |
| 1878. | Bogman, Edward Y.      |
| 1846. | Bradley, Charles S.    |
| 1880. | Brayton, William D.    |



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1870. Brinley, Francis  
 1875. Brown, John A.  
 1857. Brown, Welcome O.  
 1876. Bugbee, James H.  
 1878. Bull, Samuel T.  
 1874. Burnside, Ambrose E.  
 1878. Burrough, Frank M.  
 1880. Burrows, Daniel  
 1859. Calder, George B.  
 1880. Campbell, Daniel G.  
 1876. Campbell, Horatio N.  
 1873. Carpenter, Charles E.  
 1874. Carpenter, Francis W.  
 1874. Caswell, Edward T.  
 1857. Chambers, Robert B.  
 1880. Chandler, William H.  
 1872. Channing, William F.  
 1879. Chace, Lewis J.  
 1880. Chace, Jonathan  
 1880. Chace, Julian A.  
 1868. Chace, Thomas W.  
 1873. Claflin, George L.  
 1880. Clarke, E. Webster  
 1878. Clarke, James M.  
 1873. Clarke, Sam W.  
 1880. Clarke, Samuel  
 1878. Clark, Thomas M.  
 1879. Clarke, William E.  
 1880. Coats, James  
 1877. Codman, Arthur  
 1879. Colt, LeBaron B.  
 1879. Colt, Samuel P.  
 1872. Congdon, Johns H.  
 1872. Cooke, Joseph J.  
 1874. Cranston, Henry C.  
 1877. Cranston, George K.  
 1881. Cranston, James E.  
 1879. Cross, William J.  
 1876. Cushman, Henry I.  
 1874. Day, Daniel E.  
 1871. Dean, Sidney  
 1879. DeWolf, Winthrop  
 1874. Dike, Arba B.  
 1866. Dinan, J. Lewis  
 1877. Doringh, Charles H. R.

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1877. Dorrance, Samuel R.  
 1851. Doyle, Thomas A.  
 1875. Dunnell, William Wanton  
 1877. Durfee, Charles S.  
 1849. Durfee Thomas  
 1838. Dyer, Elisha  
 1873. Eames, Benjamin T.  
 1878. Elliott, Albert T.  
 1856. Ely, James W. C.  
 1862. Ely, William D.  
 1858. Everett, Richmond P.  
 1874. Fairbrother, Henry L.  
 1878. Farnsworth, Claudius B.  
 1876. Fay, Henry H.  
 1878. Fisher, Charles H.  
 1881. Foster, William E.  
 1881. Furse, Edmund  
 1855. Gammell, Asa Messer  
 1875. Gammell, Robert Ives.  
 1844. Gammell, William  
 1875. Gardner, Henry W.  
 1880. Goddard, Francis W.  
 1881. Goddard, Moses B. I.  
 1850. Goddard, William  
 1878. Godding, Alvah W.  
 1858. Gorham, John  
 1875. Grant, Henry T.  
 1878. Greene, Edward A.  
 1876. Greene, Henry L.  
 1874. Greene, Simon Henry  
 1877. Greene, W. Maxwell  
 1879. Greer, David H.  
 1872. Grosvenor, William  
 1872. Grosvenor, William, Jr.  
 1878. Hall, Robert  
 1881. Ham, Benjamin W.  
 1879. Hammond, Benjamin B.  
 1878. Harkness, Albert  
 1874. Harrington, Henry A.  
 1878. Harris, C. Fiske  
 1871. Hazard, Rowland  
 1873. Hidden, Henry A.  
 1873. Hidden, James C.  
 1874. Hill, Thomas J.  
 1881. Hinckley, Frederic A.



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- 1874. Holbrook, Albert
- 1871. Hoppin, Frederick S.
- 1880. Hoppin William W.
- 1880. Howard, Albert C.
- 1843. Howland, John A.
- 1867. Jenks, Albert V.
- 1879. Jillson, Charles D.
- 1874. Johnson, William S.
- 1879. Johnson, Elias H.
- 1880. Jones, Augustine
- 1867. Keene, Stephen S.
- 1873. Kendall, Henry L.
- 1880. Kenyon, James S.
- 1876. Kimball, James M.
- 1879. Knight, Edward B.
- 1869. Lester, John Erastus
- 1879. Lincoln, John L.
- 1880. Lippitt, Christopher
- 1878. Lippitt, C. Warren
- 1872. Lippitt, Henry
- 1881. Liscomb, William E.
- 1873. Lyman, Daniel W.
- 1877. Mason, Charles F.
- 1877. Mason, Earl Philip
- 1877. Mason, Eugene W.
- 1877. Mason, George C.
- 1876. Matteson, Charles
- 1878. Mauran, Edward C.
- 1878. Mauran, James E.
- 1867. Meader, John J.
- 1876. Metcalf, Henry B., Pawtucket.
- 1875. Miller, Augustus S.
- 1873. Miller, William J.
- 1876. Moulton, Sullivan
- 1873. Mowry, William A.
- 1874. Mowry, William G. R.
- 1877. Mumford, John P.
- 1877. Munro, Bennett J.
- 1880. Munro, Wilfred H.
- 1880. Nichols, Amos G.
- 1876. Nickerson, Edward I.
- 1874. Nightingale, George C. Jr.
- 1880. Noyes, Samuel M.
- 1879. Olney, George H.
- 1862. Ormsbee, John Spurr

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- 1878. Owen, Smith
- 1870. Pabodie, Benjamin F.
- 1874. Paige, Charles F.
- 1847. Parsons, Charles W.
- 1875. Parsons, Henry L.
- 1877. Pearce, Edward D. Jr.
- 1849. Peckham, Samuel W.
- 1875. Pegram, John C.
- 1880. Peirce, J. Lewis
- 1858. Perry, Amos
- 1880. Perry, Marsden J.
- 1874. Persons, Benjamin W.
- 1873. Philips, Theodore W.
- 1878. Porter, Emery H.
- 1880. Potter, Elisha R.
- 1880. Potter, Charles L.
- 1876. Rawson, Henry M.
- 1874. Richardson, Erastus
- 1877. Richmond, Walter
- 1878. Rider, Sidney S.
- 1866. Rogers, Horatio
- 1878. Russell, Levi W.
- 1856. Sabin, Charles
- 1877. Seabury, Frederic N.
- 1877. Seagraves, Caleb
- 1875. Sherman, William O.
- 1874. Shedd, J. Herbert
- 1881. Sheffield, William P. Jr.
- 1879. Shepley, George H.
- 1876. Sherman, Robert
- 1880. Simmons, W. Seabury
- 1877. Slater, Horatio N. Jr.
- 1876. Slater, William S.
- 1875. Smith, Edwin A.
- 1873. Smith, Henry F.
- 1869. Southwick, Isaac H.
- 1874. Spencer, Gideon L.
- 1876. Spencer, Joel M.
- 1880. Spicer, William A.
- 1881. Spooner, Henry J.
- 1877. Stanhope, Frederick A.
- 1873. Staples, Carlton A.
- 1869. Staples, William
- 1878. Starkweather, Joseph U.
- 1868. Steere, Henry J.



## ELECTED.

1879. Stiness, John H.  
 1880. Stockwell, Thomas B.  
 1848. Stone, Edwin M.  
 1856. Taft, Royal C.  
 1874. Taylor, Charles F.  
 1878. Tillinghast, James  
 1877. Thayer, Thatcher  
 1873. Thurston, Benjamin F.  
 1875. Trippe, Samuel G.  
 1874. Turner, Henry E.

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1874. Wales, Samuel H.  
 1861. Waterman, Rufus  
 1878. Watson, Arthur H.  
 1868. Weeden, William B.  
 1868. Westcott, Amasa S.  
 1881. White, Zebulon L.  
 1874. Whitford, George W.  
 1881. Williams, Zephaniah  
 1877. Wilson, George F.  
 1876. Woods, Marshall.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

|                 |                       |                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Jan. 16, 1872.  | George T. Paine,      | Providence.       |
| Jan. 17, 1872.  | Henry T. Beckwith,    | "                 |
| Feb. 21, 1872.  | William Greene,       | Warwick.          |
| April 3, 1872.  | Rowland G. Hazard,    | South Kingston.   |
| April 25, 1872. | Holder Borden Bowen,  | Providence.       |
| July 11, 1872.  | Amasa M. Eaton,       | North Providence. |
| Jan. 29, 1873.  | James Y. Smith,*      | Providence.       |
| July 11, 1873.  | Jarvis B. Swan,       | "                 |
| Jan. 26, 1874.  | Benjamin G. Pabodie,* | "                 |
| April 12, 1875. | Albert G. Angell,     | "                 |
| Jan. 29, 1876.  | William Ely,          | "                 |
| April 11, 1877. | Hezekiah Conant,      | Pawtucket.        |
| Jan. 14, 1879.  | Samuel G. Arnold,*    | Portsmouth.       |
| July 8, 1879.   | Amos D. Lockwood,     | Providence.       |
| Oct. 16, 1879.  | Royal Woodward,       | Albany, N. Y.     |
| Jan. 7, 1880.   | Charles Gorton,       | Providence.       |
| June 21, 1880.  | John P. Walker,       | "                 |
| July 8, 1880.   | Alexander Duncan,     | Scotland.         |

\* Deceased

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